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WE share our second Birthday with the fans through the event, O-kun Fiesta. The magazine has grown into such an accomplishment that we want our readers to enjoy it's contents in a bigger scale.

Thank you to all the sponsors, media partners, exhibitors and friends who helped us in this event. Thank you to Cosplay.ph, Robert Wong, Adz Sison and Erving Go for creating fifty wonderful pages for CCY. Thank you to all the participants of Cosplay Costume of the Year 2014, may this magazine be memorable to you and inspire you further in cosplay. Thank you PSICOM for believing in us and for the opportunity to handle such an event. Thank you readers, most of all for being with us. Keep bringing out the otaku in you!

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INBOX



Konnichiwa!! Thank u po for your hard work!! And pwede po magrequest? Gusto ko po sana na ilagay niyo to sa next issue? Natapos na kasi yung Naruto(manga) and I really feel bad about it. Mamimiss ko talaga si Naruto. Anyway, thank u po ulit.

Raizel Yatogami

Doumo! Seriously, cant get hold of the words to say. Let's start by introduction? LOL. Im Georgia Lucille. I hope na mapost ito sa next mag ninyo. Im a big fan of you, guys. As in. Gusto ko lang po mag-thank you for bringing this AWESOME magazine in my life. Naa-update po kasi ako dahil dito at nakikita ko din ang mga anime na sobrang kinaadikan ko. Actually, hindi lang po ako ang naadik dito pati na rin ang mga kapatid ko. Lahat kami, adik diyan at paulit ulit na binabasa. Keep on giving us the best anime reviews and updates. Thanks guys. I want to greet, of course my beloved sisters and brothers: Jemiel Lorenzo, Zsivia Pauline, Renz Marlou and Louis Lorenzo. Special "HELLO AND HI!" to my bro, parekoy, buddy: ANGELICA MAE LEYBA.

Lastly, sabi nga ni Kiyoshi. "LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!"

Georgia Lucille Guevara

Konnichiwa minna. I really love anime, manga and jpop. it's a good thing another awesomeness appear. behold the otaku asia mag in which they feature lots of infos and knowledge to know. tn timer so much for making this magazine. more power and pls feature Sakurasou. Hello to my groupmates TGOOK and TASA

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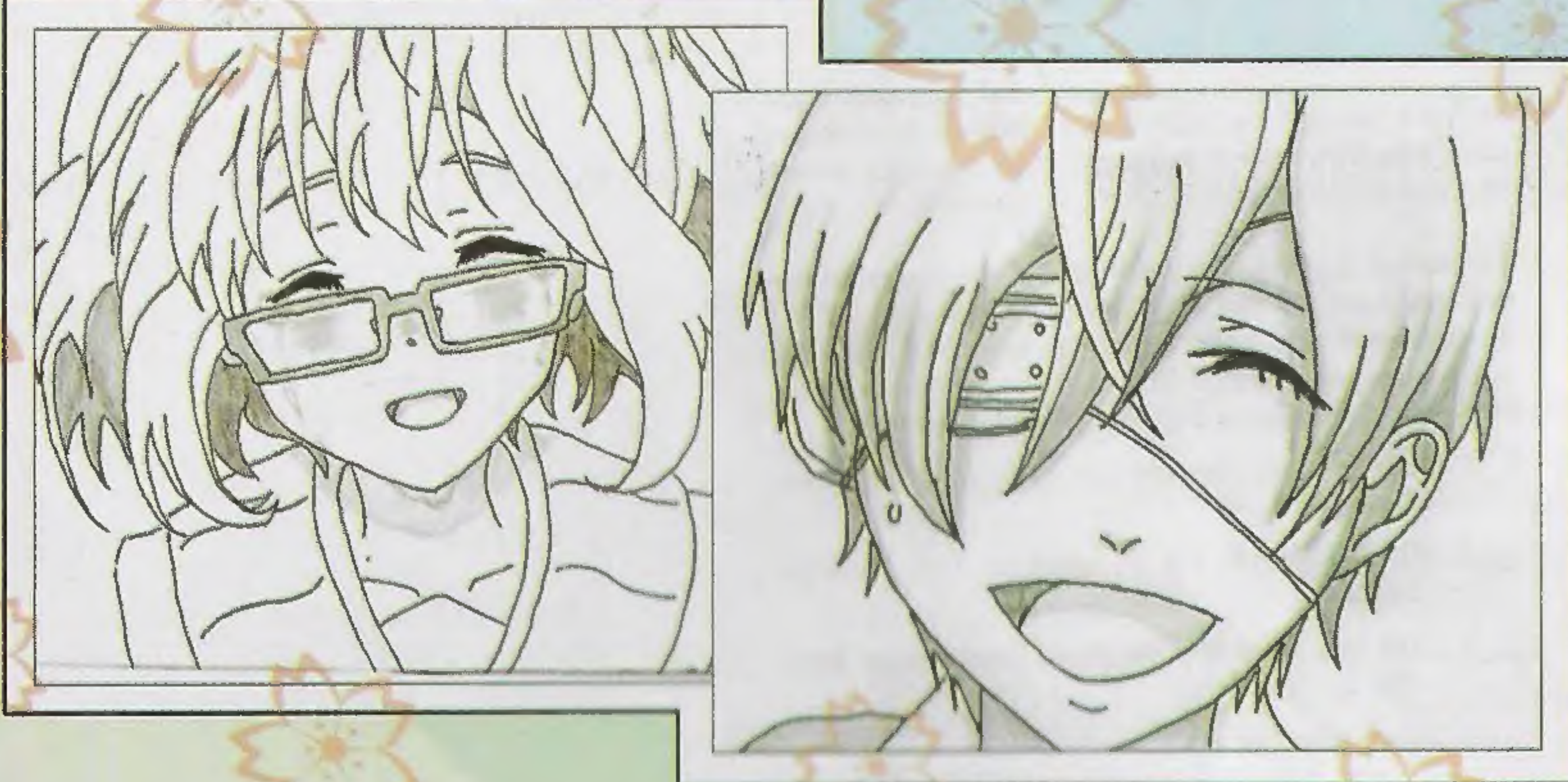
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-Ritzel Joy Daduya

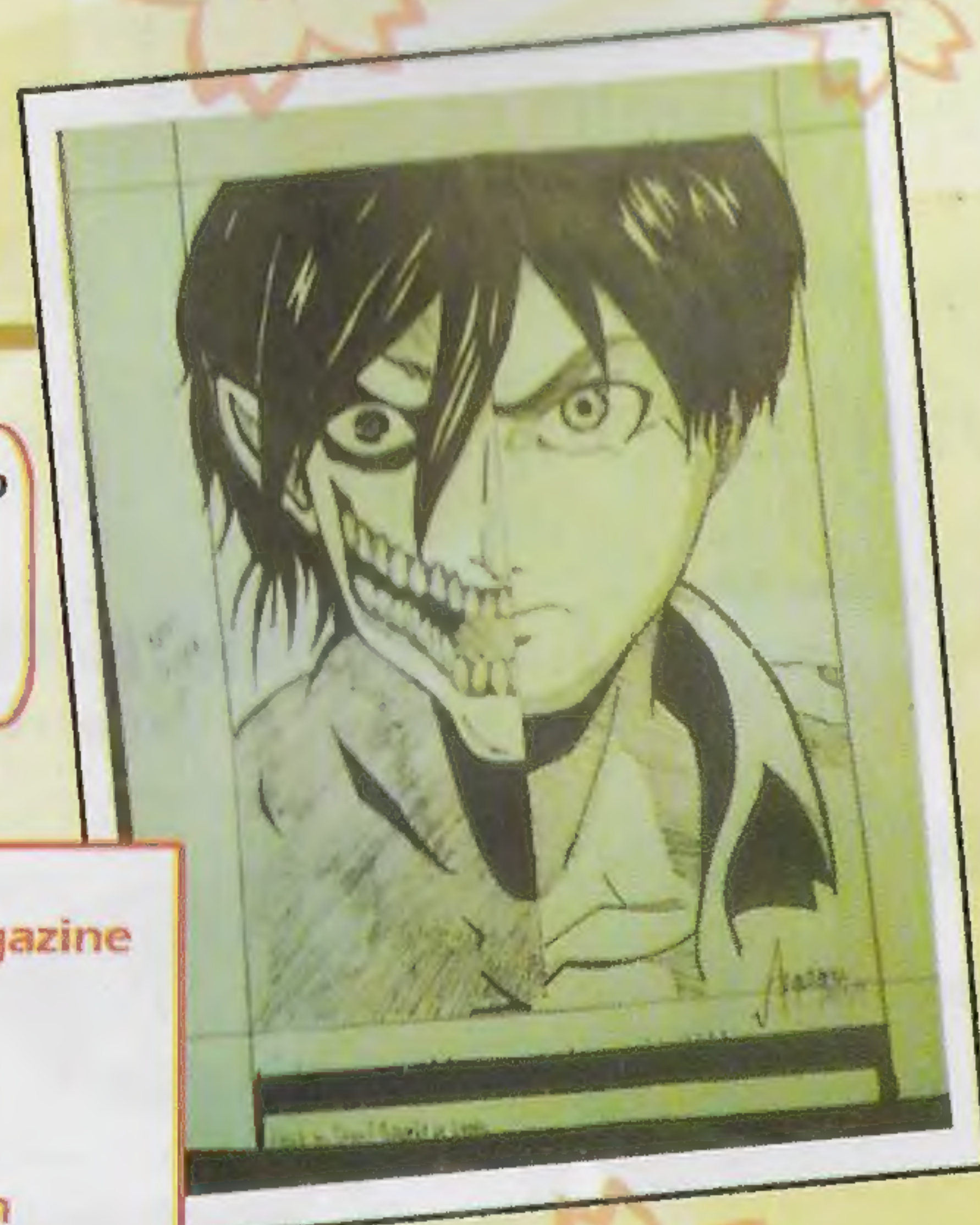
Konnichiwa Otaku Asia staff and fellow otakus!

Thank you for making this amazing magazine! Its my first time to write a fanmail here, so im a little nervous.

Thank you for featuring Wickedalucard in your ofafan, I was inspired with his artwork and so amazed because he just started in dragon balls characters. And I hope u will feature more ofafan/artists in the future..

Yah, here's my artwork I hope u like it... for more artworks visit my facebook page Laisaka arigatou guzaimasu.. More Power and God bless Otaku Asia!

-Laisaka Saito



As always, ur mags are super duper awesome!! and more fun *-* and, I wanna share my drawing of Eren Jäger~ um, i still havent bought ur dec-jan mag 'cuz its always late here' so just in case, XD can you feature Parasyte on ur next Mag? ^^ BTW/ can't wait for more!!! ja ne!!

-AR Ackerman

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Cosplay in the PH

article by d.Rain
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Philippine Cosplay has come a long way since the start of its culture. Nowadays, we are reaching international level in terms of skills and performances. We are even competing for the annual **World Cosplay Summit!** However, back in days when Cosplaying is not yet mainstream in the local media, when wigs and contact lenses were hard to come by and when no one quite understood what we were doing. It was just the days of exclusive entertainment and never ending fun for those who are really into anime, cartoons and Japanese/American pop culture.

Have you ever thought about how did Filipinos got inclined to this colorful and fun hobby? Well then, let's have a short history lesson~

Cosplay, short for **Costume Role-Play**, is the combination of: the cosplayer (person), the character being role-played, the costume (outfit, wig, lenses) and the social settings(event).

Anyone can cosplay, may it be any age, gender and ethnicity. A cosplayer can be anyone who expresses his or her passion for a certain character by dressing and mimicking the characteristics of that character. Cosplayers spend time researching on a certain character, reading or watching the character. The level of research depends on the cosplayer's objective.



It was in August 2000 that the first mini-cosplay event was organized as part of UP Diliman's **Anime@Arki's 3rd Anniversary celebration**. A few months afterwards, a surprisingly large audience attended **AnimeXplosion**, the Philippines' first full-blown animation convention. It was held at the Megatrade Hall in SM Megamall. There were more than 10,000 attendees over the span of three days, with cosplay as the highlight of the event. Enthusiasts dressed up in costume and paraded themselves in front of complete strangers yet fellow fans. This event featured the first appearance of remarkable cosplayers such as master costume makers, Robert Wong and JM Chua, the 2001 Hong Kong cosplay champion.

In just a few years, the costumes became more detailed. People started to learn that they could also cosplay and with years of anime, manga, and video games to choose from, the hype just got bigger. From just cloth type costumes, cosplayers started to craft weapons using cardboards, plastics and other prop-able materials. When the use of rubbersheet/EVA foam (the material used in rubber slippers) became well-known, armored and mecha costumes started to crowd the events. The detailing and portrayal of characters just got more serious when conventions started to hold cosplay competitions and showcases. There were competition events for individual, groups, even for children! Cosplayers started winning amazing prizes and tickets for international events, such as Hero Face-off, TORCH, and the World Cosplay Summit.

Open photoshoots also started to gather cosplayers who aren't into conventions. These focuses on themed cosplays and prepared venues or studios. Event organizers saw this as an opportunity and begun to host events that takes place on amusement parks, luxurious gardens, and beautiful university parks. From small fan gatherings for exchanging goods and greetings, it became full-blown events where cosplayers impressed the crowds with logic-defying costumes and intense skit performances. Shops started selling wigs, lenses, made-to-order costumes and other cosplay necessities online, some even have physical stores for the cosplayer's convenience.

To date, one of the most successful and well known Cosplayer in the country is Alodia Almira Arraiza Gosiengfiao. She is a Filipina cosplayer, model, singer, and actress, ambassador for Animax-Asia known as the "Ani-mates" and the gaming company G2A.com. She describes cosplay as "...The cosplayer takes up the character, not just in terms of look but also mannerisms and gestures. Cosplayers look into the details of a character, and eventually become the character".

Online, there are Facebook groups where members can negotiate about selling, trading and buying cosplay stuffs. Feel free to ask for suggestions and opinions, there is even a group from where you can ask if a shop or cosplayer is a legitimate buyer or seller. With cyber help, cosplayers can ask fellow fans to cosplay a certain series with them. This encourages new friendships and socialization. There are a number of groups who meet once-in-a-while, and bond during a convention. There are also some who aims to gather cosplayers from around the world so everyone, local and international alike, can share their experiences and progress.

Cosplaying is also an expensive hobby. From the raw materials, to the labor, creating details of the costume down to the make-up a cosplayer will use. Devoted and It is truly amazing how people use their creativity and craftsmanship to make a costume out of drafts. There are amazing local cosplayers who are really helpful and give tutorials to those who are new to crafting. It is also good to see that some retired cosplayers passes their hobby to their children, which in return, makes the cosplay community 'cuter' (most of them are chibis/kids!). Veterans and newbies alike, participates and enjoys the fandom. One can really see that Cosplay here in the Philippines has improved so much within the past years.

So why are they so inclined in this hobby? Simple, it's fun! Cosplayers get to show their creativity and resourcefulness, it boosts their self-confidence and they make new friends. Doesn't it make you want to try cosplaying and join the colorful community?



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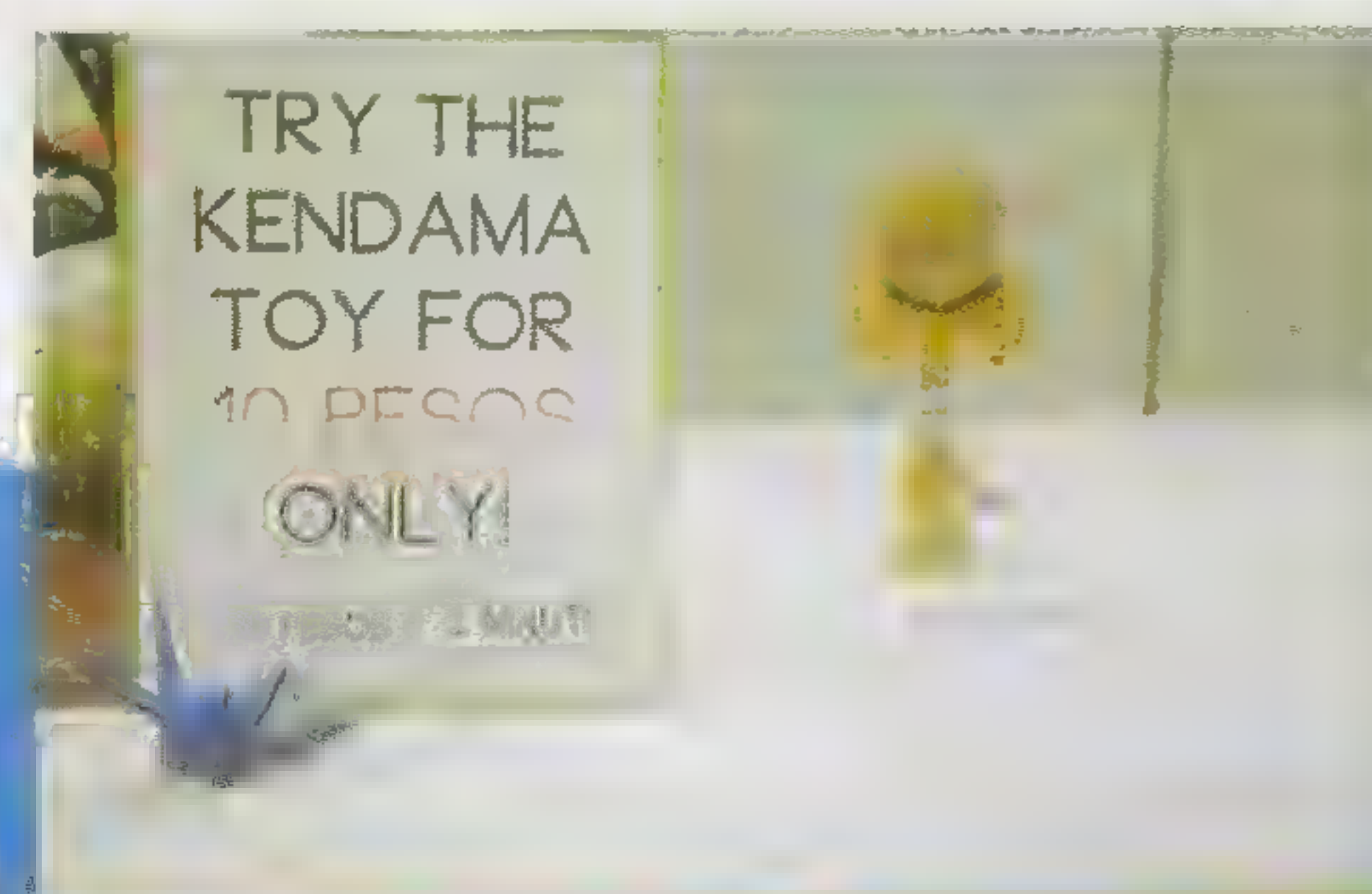
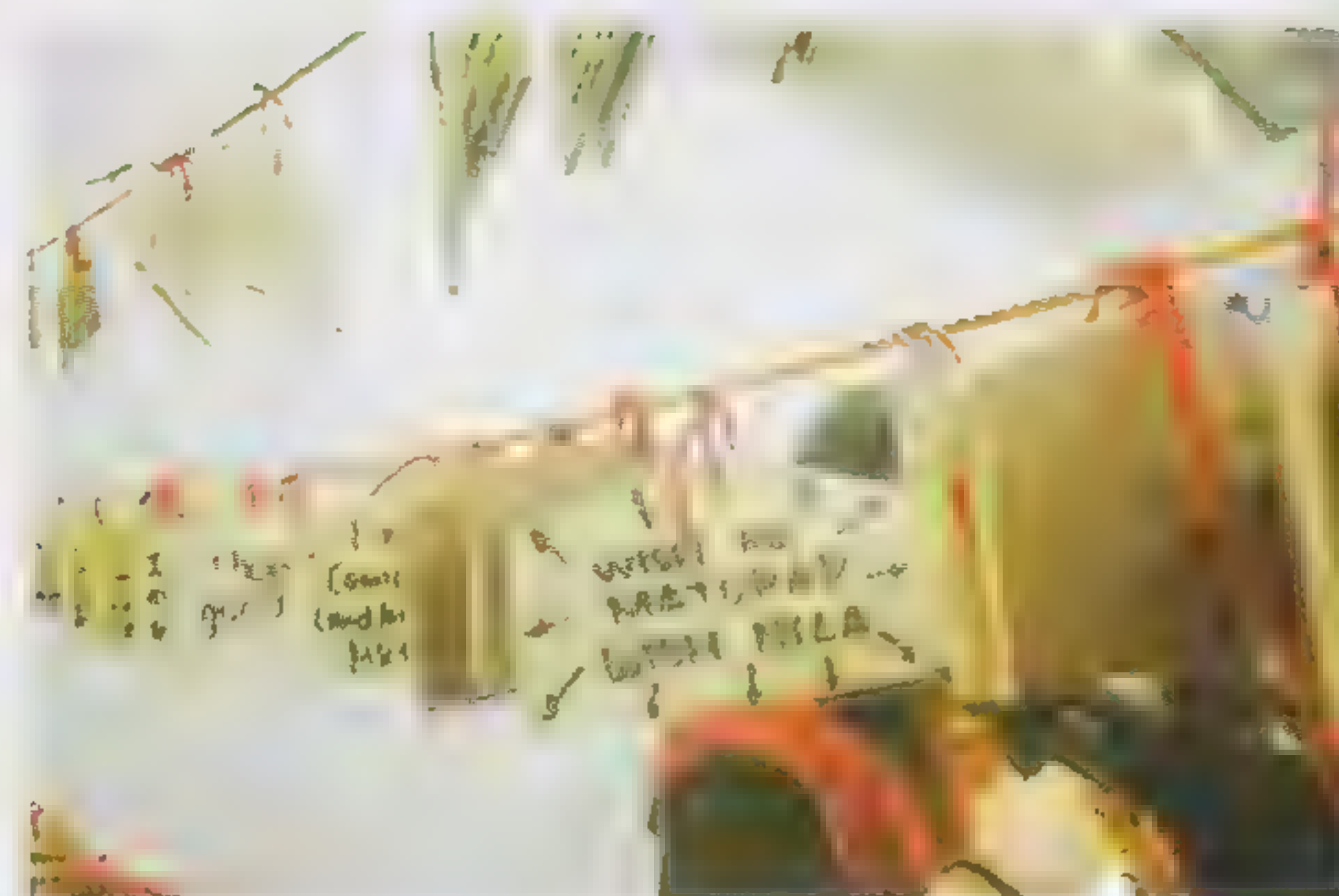
by Yani

Nihon Kenkyuu Kai made us experience the feeling and spirit of Japanese summer festival. Their convention last March 28, 2015 which was held at the SMX Convention Center Manila Function Room 1. Titled **Tamashii Convention**, the event opened for the summer events of the year.

Upon entering, attendees will receive a flyer with the event schedule and event map. Inside is a plethora of experiences! A lot of festival activities like ema where you write your wish in a pentagon-shaped wood plaque and hang it. Another was the goldfish scooping that requires skill to scoop the fish without breaking the scooper made of paper.

Aside from festival activities, we also learned how to make different origami step by step. We also get to experience playing kendama for only 10 pesos! Kendama is Japanese toy which consists of a ball tied to ken (sword) which consists of 3 cups and a spike. The player must be able to catch the ball in the 3 cups which requires balance. Several tricks could be done to be able to catch the ball.

Tamashii Convention is organized by Nihon Kenkyuu Kai from De La Salle University. Tamashii Convention is usually held on the first quarter of the year within Manila.



Concessionaire booths are also one of the things people look forward to especially in an event. They sell items that people will surely love such as customized items, plushies, collectibles and even items used in cosplaying: costume, accessories and contact lenses for an affordable price.

Aside from these things, the event also had a fashion show by Kawaii.ph showcasing the different outfits made by their respective designers. From lolita outfits to casual outfits. Added to that, there were also guest band performers. People joined them rock as they perform onstage.

There was the **Cosplay Competition**, one of the activity that cosplayers, photographers and fans has been anticipating. We watched different cosplayers with their cool and awesome costumes and props as they perform onstage in character. There was also the **J-pop Idol**

Competition where people show off their voices; proving that Filipinos are good in singing even if it's in a different language.

Well-known cosplayers and photographers were also guested for the event. They were: Azeleia Petrova Salvatore, Kira Hokuten and Kuri Curry who judged the cosplay competition. Mika Mikachu, Mikki Kun and Mimi Monster judged for the J-pop Idol Competition.



With so much activities to do during the event we got hungry eventually. Good thing they've provided food booths inside the event. Most importantly, they had their own cafe situated in a different room called, "Cake and Coffee Club" where people relax and enjoy their food at an affordable price. Guests also get to meet new friends.

Tamashii Convention was a success! With so many activities to enjoy, attendees were happy and satisfied with the event. Congratulations to the contest winners, the guests and the staff and officers of the event.

Cake and Coffee Club was also a hit! People surely can't wait for the next Tamashii Convention~~

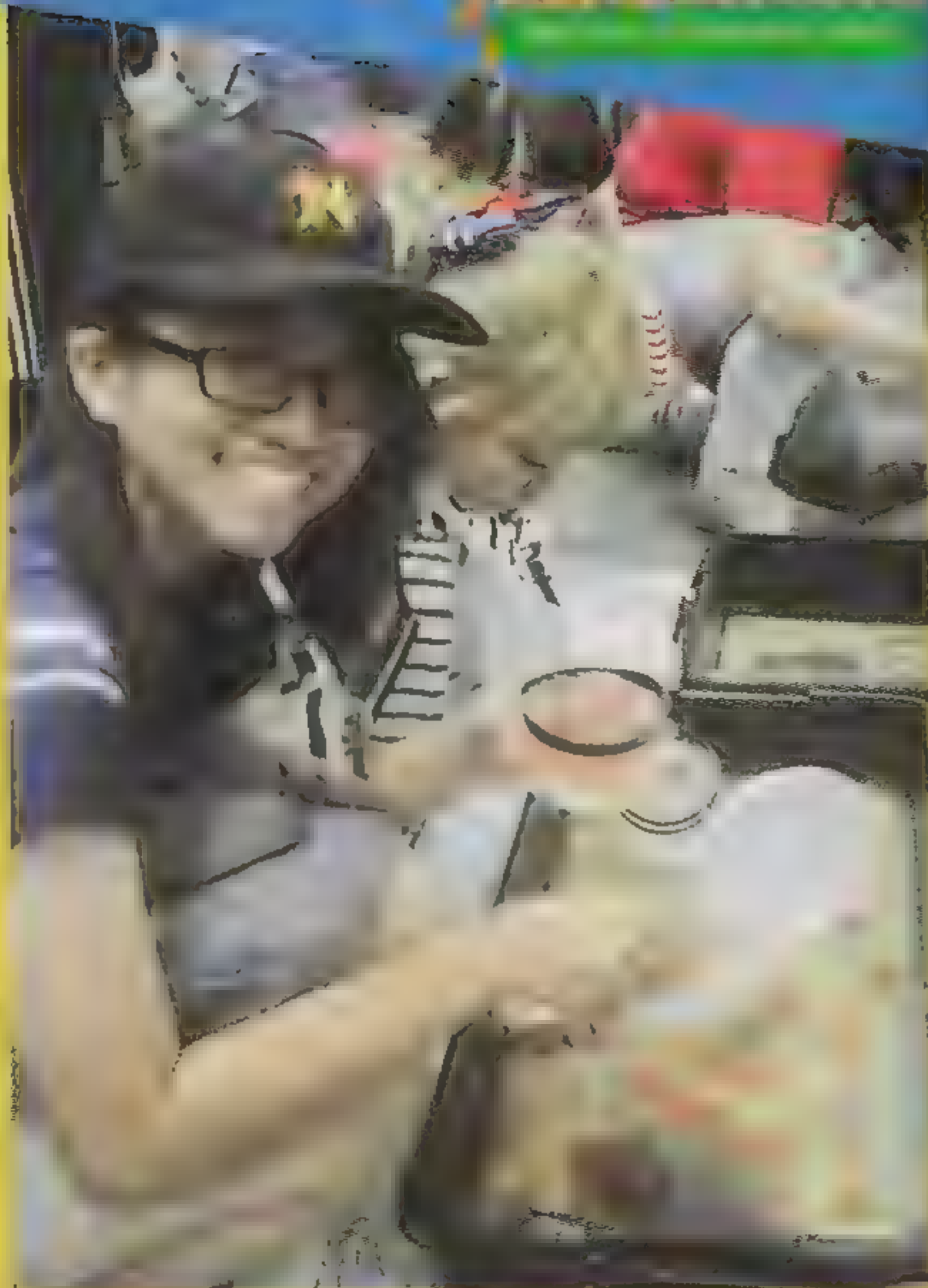
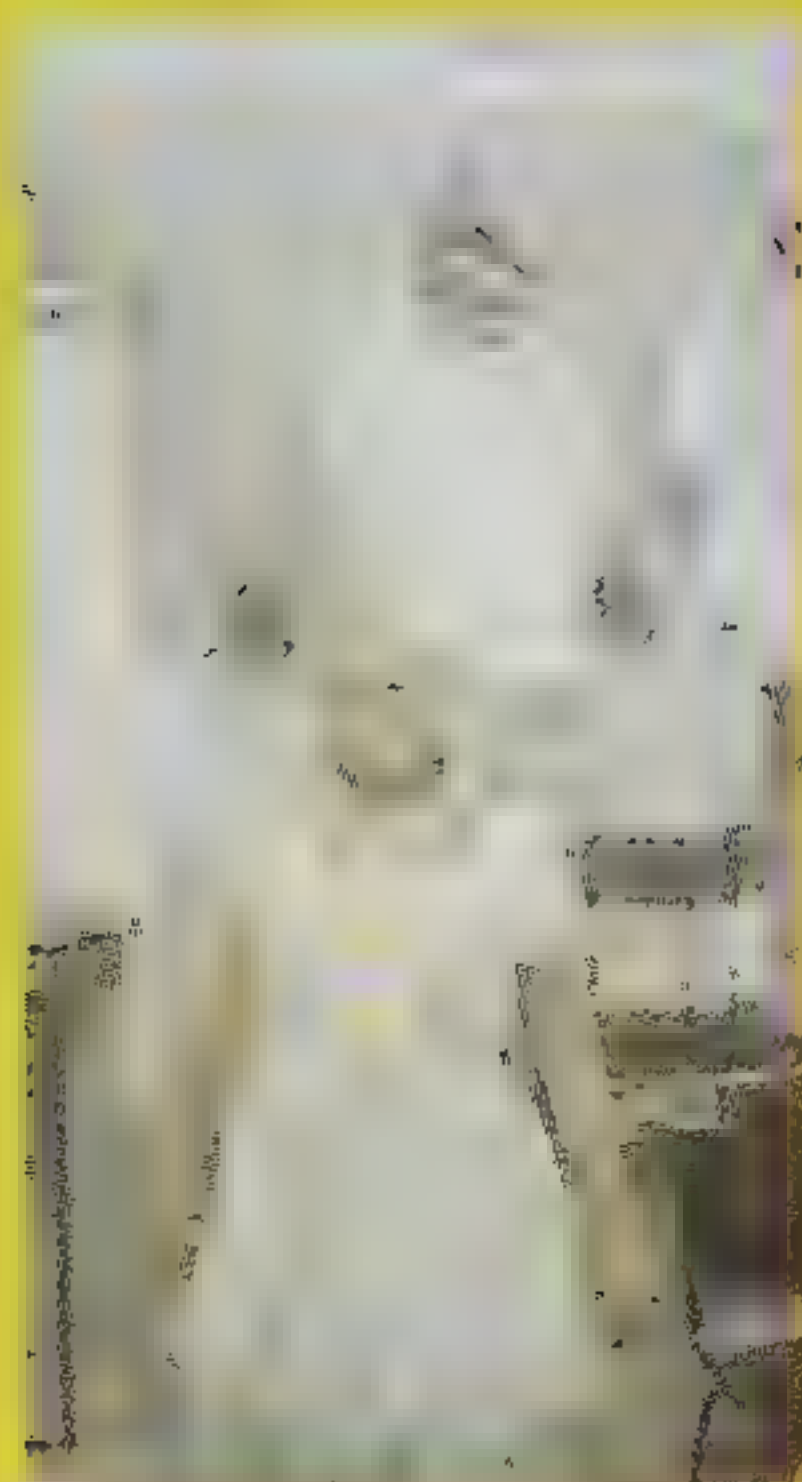


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ABOUT COSPLAY.PH

Established in 2006, Cosplay.ph is composed of experienced events organizers, marshalls, and volunteers who believe in consolidating their expertise to further Cosplay in the Philippines as well as promote it as a clean, healthy, and family oriented hobby that could be enjoyed by Filipinos of all ages.

OUR EVENTS



With their HQ located in Makati City, they are currently active in various aspects of Cosplay such as organizing, managing, and implementing Cosplay events like conventions, concerts, parties, contests and workshops.

In 2008, Cosplay.ph organized their first cosplaycentric event in the Philippines: Cosplay Mania in SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City. With tickets sold out, the venue filled to capacity and the excess spectators spilling out of the five floors of the mall grounds, Cosplay Mania '08 was a landmark event and a milestone in Philippine Cosplay history. The event have since become an annual activity that have grown into one of the most anticipated youthoriented events in the country.

Since then, the organization has paved the way on producing various creative and innovative events centering on cosplaying. Events such as the biggest cosplay event in the Philippines Cosplay Mania, the most successful annual nationwide contest Tournament of champions (Torch), JAM (Japanese Anime Music) concert, various meet and greets and Cosplay Mania Roadshow.



Dot Peach (2006)

Cosplay.ph has years of experience in events management with a core membership that started as being cosplayers themselves. With this, Cosplay.ph became the premiere organization for the management of Cosplay activities with detailed and concise rules and guidelines; excellent crowd control; and orderly organization system.

To know more about Cosplay.ph, visit their website at <http://www.cosplay.ph>

ABOUT COSPLAY COSTUME OF THE YEAR

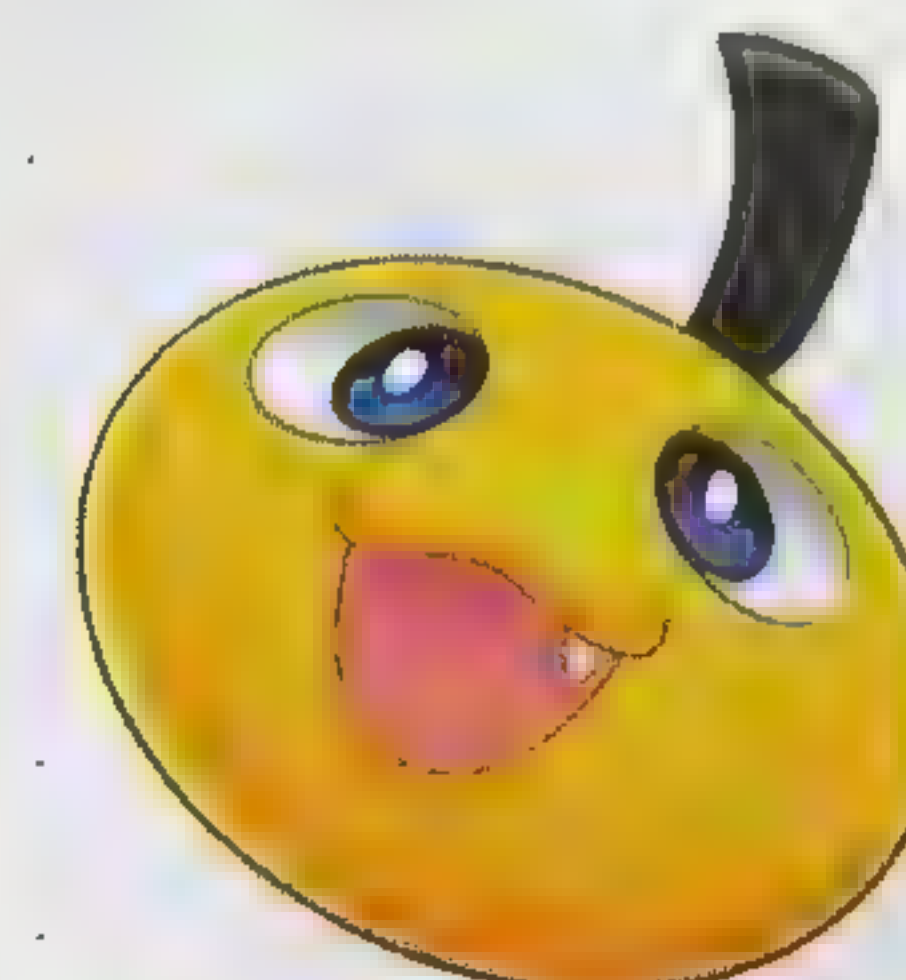
Cosplay is fun and exciting but it's not always play and games. For some, it is a serious hobby People would shop and hunt of the perfect cloth, spend on materials, etc. Cosplay.ph has recognized such efforts by organizing an awarding activity for best costume.

Cosplay Costume of the Year (CCY) is an annual cosplay awarding that gives recognition to exceptional costumes of the previous year, 2014.

It is a platform where cosplayers, photographers and their friends can nominate their favorite costume that debuted in the past year. Nominations are done by sending a high resolution photo through email.

There are 5 categories:

- Male Cosplay Costume
 - cosplay costumes worn by males cosplaying male characters
- Female Cosplay Costume
 - cosplay costumes worn by females cosplaying female characters
- Child Cosplay Costume
 - cosplay costumes worn by children 13 and below
- Crossdress Cosplay Costume
 - cosplay costumes worn by gender opposite of the character portrayed
- Creature/Mecha Cosplay Costume
 - cosplay costmes that are robot or creature



Dot Peach (2014)



The 2014 winners are scheduled to be revealed at Otaku Asia's OKun Fiesta event. To give you an idea on the past winners, we present you the COSPLAY COSTUME OF THE YEAR 2013 WINNERS:

Best Male: Lyron Aquino
Barnaby (Tiger and Bunny)

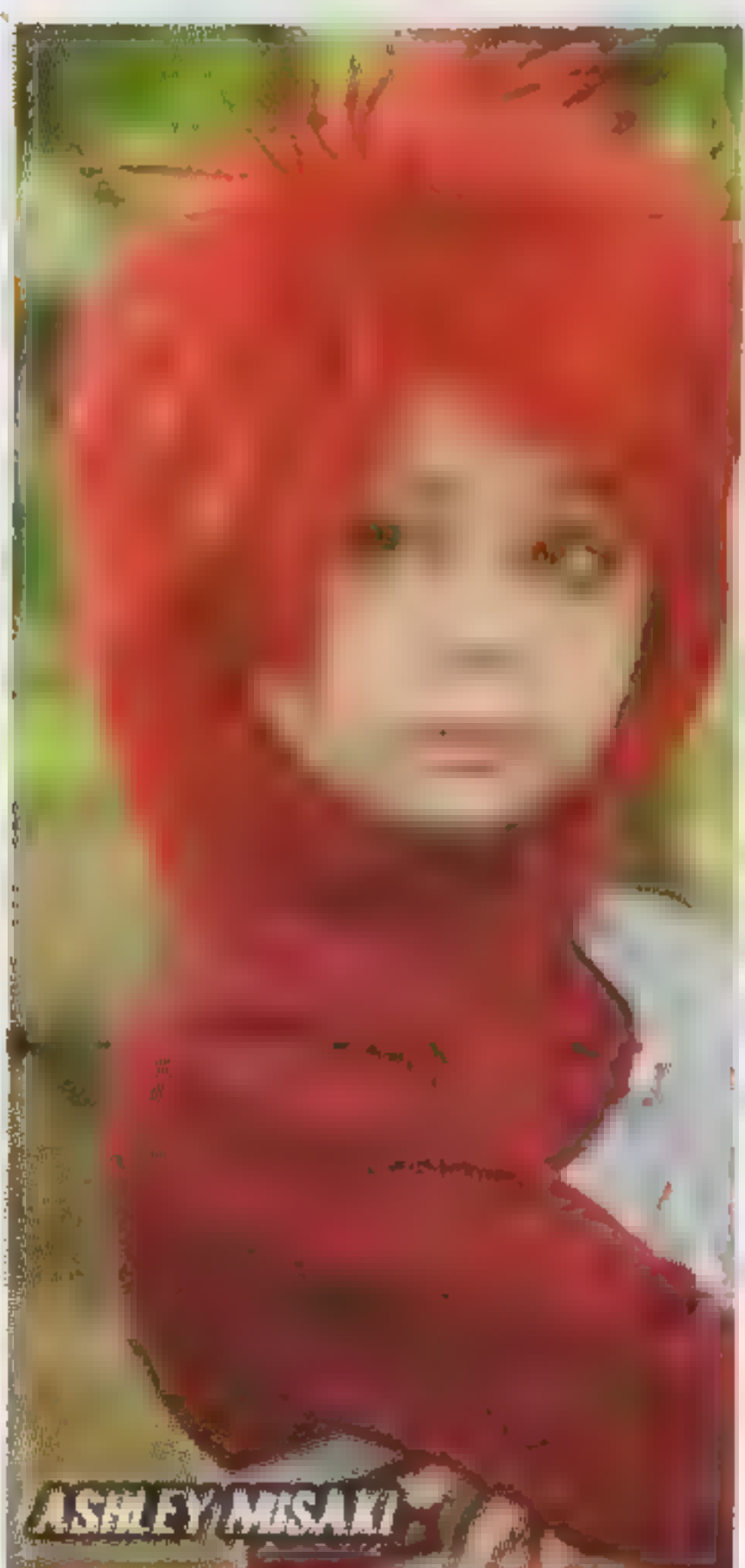
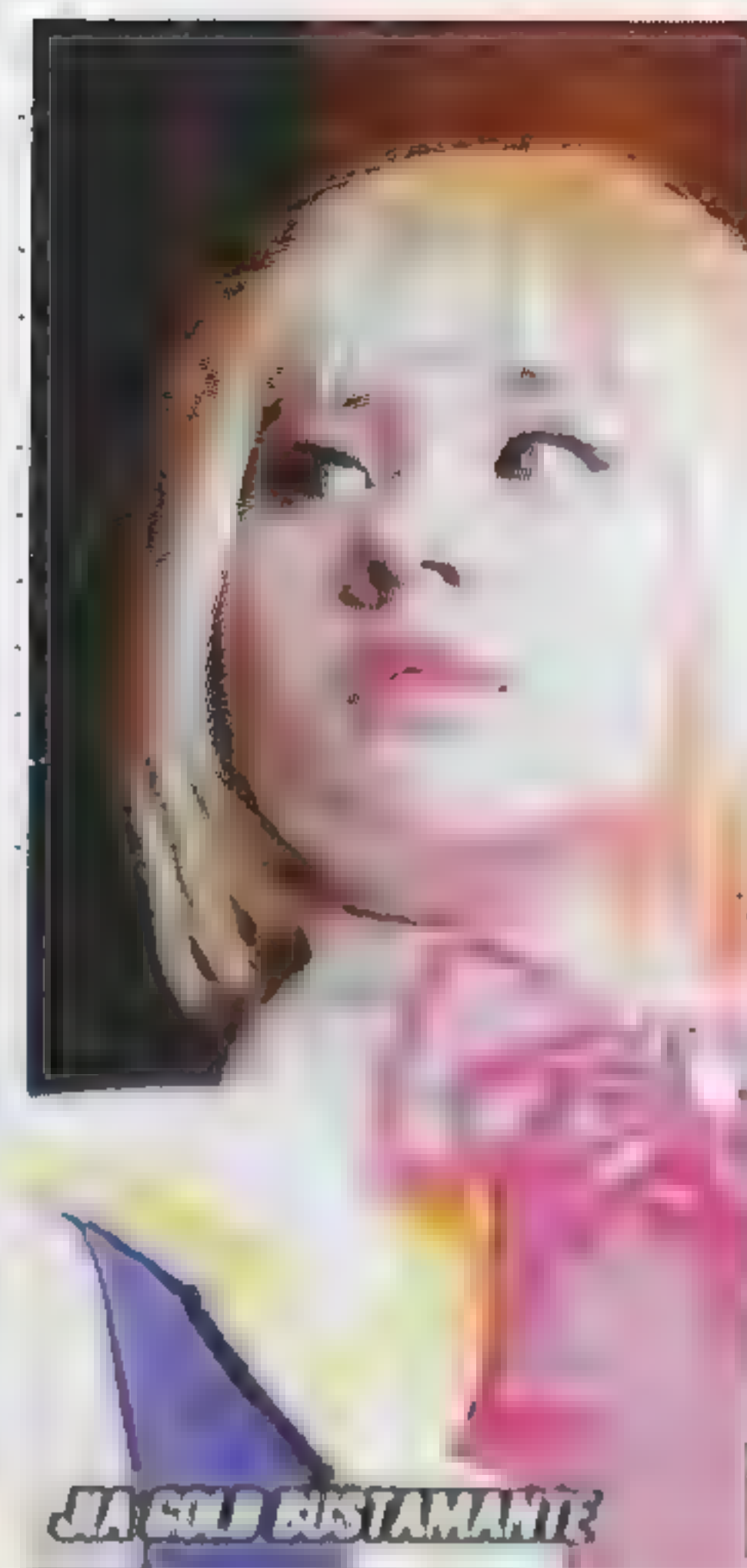
Best Female: Veronica Edmillo
Lenneth (Valkyrie Profile)

Best Child: Eury Hagonoy
Tepel Takamiya (BTX)

Best Crossdresser: Mark Anthony Ilano
Sailor Uranus (Sailor Moon S)

Best Mecha/Monster: Krizdel Ingreso
Diablo (Diablo 3)

THE JUDGES



Finalists will be selected by Cosplay.ph judges with the following criteria:

> Craftsmanship (up to 40 points)
- determined by the way the costume is made through use of materials and skill in building the costume

> Creativity (up to 30 points)
- determined by the way the female costume is executed with details, which also includes how it is presented in the photograph.

> Difficulty Level (up to 20 points)
- determined by the difficulty of the character design chosen, the overall layout of the photo and the technical difficulties of the Photoshop setup.

It is then uploaded on the voting page where the public may vote on their Google +1. Then the finalists will be again computed by a new set of judges.

> Craftsmanship (up to 20 points)

> Creativity (up to 20 points)

> Difficulty Level (up to 10 points)

> Google Likes (up to 50% score)

For years, CCY has awarded cosplayers and crafters for exemplary cosplay costumes. This year they have extended their recognition to include their photographers who helped immortalize their costumes on paper and online.

Otaku Asia is proud to be a part of this annual contest for the title of Best Cosplay Costume of the Year.

We expect more cosplayers to join next year! Enjoy!

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COSTUME OF THE YEAR 2014



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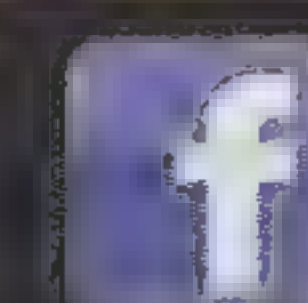


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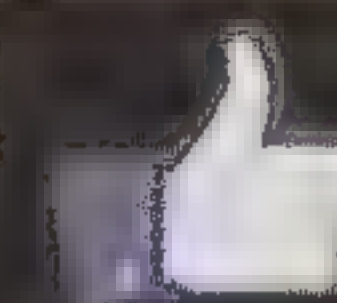
For 8 years, Cosplay Costume of the Year has been giving recognition towards the quality and effort geared towards the craft of costuming, as well as recognizing the passion given by both cosplayers and craftspersons (and often times both of the same person!).

Today, as CCY presents the costumes that made its debut in 2014, not only are the cosplayers recognized for their intricate costumes, but now recognizes the ones who helped immortalize it: the photographer!

Join us as we help celebrate the art of cosplay through Cosplay Costume of the Year!



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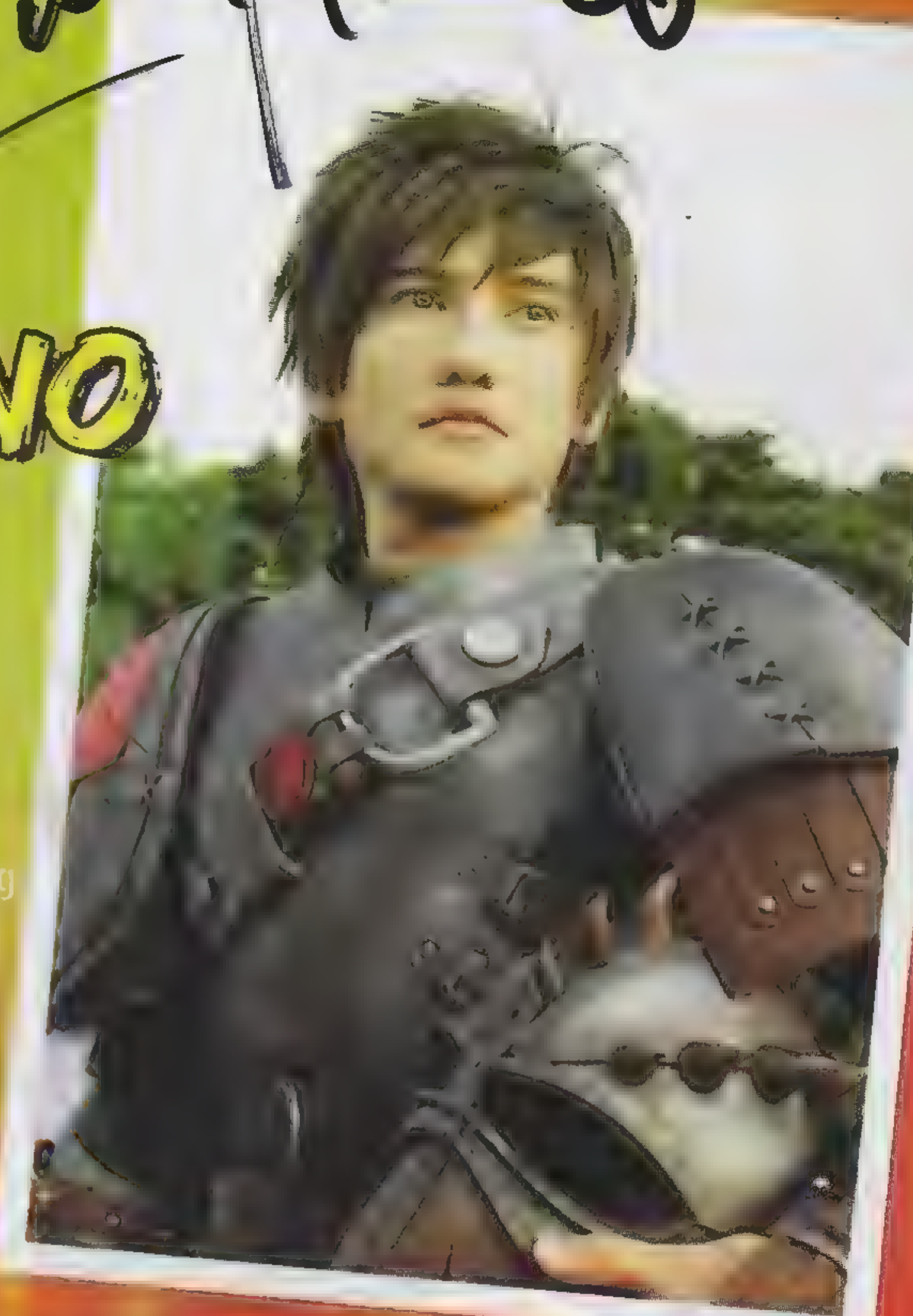
Liui Aquino

BEST MALE

LIUI AQUINO

Liui Aquino's cosplay is known as the best and hottest Filipino cosplayer internationally. He's the Prince of the Fire Nation, Guardian of Fun, Savior of Berk and both Hamada brothers!

His cosplay and spotless portrayal had brought him all over Asia guesting in cosplay conventions, and now he's going to help choose and present the Cosplay Costume of the Year Award.



Hi Paul!
Nice to see
you!

COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014
JUDGES

BEST FEMALE

JIA GOLD BUSTAMANTE

Winning the "THE FINEST ASIAN COSPLAYER" award at the young age of 13, this remarkable teenager is the youngest Filipina cosplayer to ever win an international competition.

With her undeniable discipline when it comes to cosplaying, her stunning accuracy and perfect portrayals of the characters makes her a cosplay prodigy of this generation.

She is also an Imagineer of Cosplay Network Philippines (CNPH).



Jia

BEST CHILD

ASHLEY MISAKI

One of the youngest cosplay professionals in and out of the country. She is an endorser of Red Fox Technologies and has her own convention as well. Winning several awards from different competitions, she's still going for more!

hello paul

Ashley

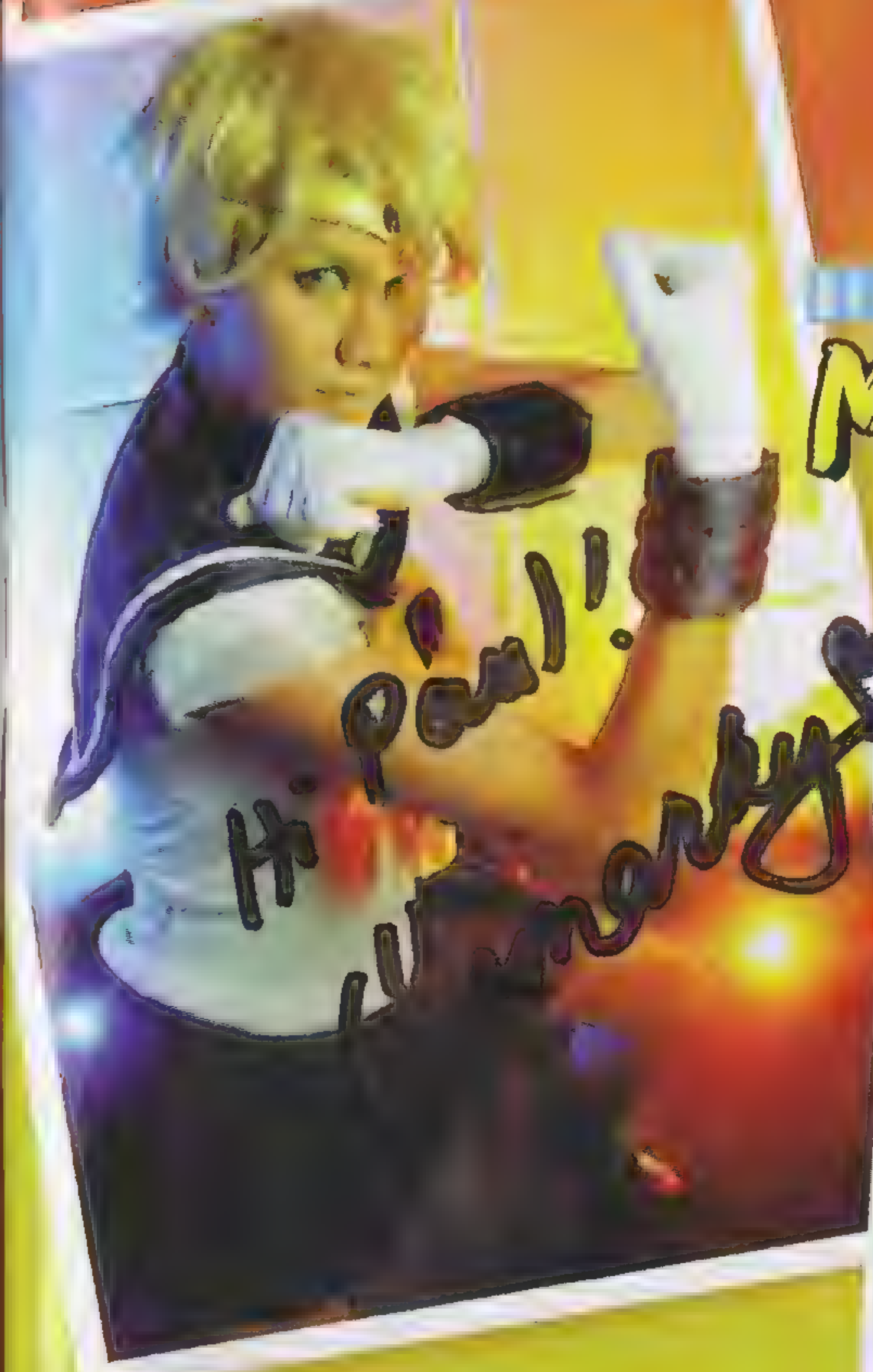


COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014
JUDGES

BEST CROSSDRESS

MARKY ILANO

Marky Ilano is known in the cosplay community as one of the best crossdressing cosplayers in the country. He has won Cosplay Costume of the Year for Best Crossdress five times in the previous years and has now agreed to help determine and present who will be the next best in the category!



Hi Paul!
Marky

BEST CREATURE / MECHA

KRIZDEL INGRESO

Krizdel has demonstrated incredible passion and skill when it comes to creating costumes involving creature and armor designs. She is recognized by both local and international cosplay communities as one of the premiere craftsperson of her category.



BEST FEMALE
VERONICA NICOLE EDMILAO

CHARACTER: Lanneth from Valkyria Chronicles: Covenant of the Plume
DEBUT: Cosplay Tournament of Champions (July 12, 2013)

BEST MALE
LYRON AQUINO

CHARACTER: Barnaby from Tiger and Bunny
DEBUT: WCS Subic Preliminary (May 2013)

COSPLAY COSTUME OF THE YEAR 2013

THROWBACK

PRESENTING THE WINNERS OF LAST YEAR'S COSPLAY COSTUME OF THE YEAR!

BEST CREATIVE COSTUME
KRIZDEL INGRESO

CHARACTER: Diablo from Diablo III
DEBUT: Toycon 2013 (June 2013)

BEST CROSSDRESS
MARK ANTHONY ILANO

CHARACTER: Sailor Uranus from Sailor Moon S
DEBUT: Cosplay Mania 2013 (October 6, 2013)

BEST GROOMING
EURY M. HAGONROY

CHARACTER: Teppei Takamiya with B+ X hairs B+ X
DEBUT: Oh! Noli Manga Cosplay Camp 4 (July 7, 2013)

COSPLAY COSTUME OF THE YEAR 2014
BEST MALE

COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014
BEST MALE
NOMINEES



MUI AKA HABAEK

COSPLAYER: Kristian Tan Vibal
CHARACTER: Mui AKA Habaek
SERIES: The Bride of the Water God
PHOTOGRAPHER: Jeric Ricalde
DEBUT: Cosplay Mania 2014 (October 5, 2014)

COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014
BEST MALE
NOMINEES



SPIDER-MAN

COSPLAYER: SpiderDan Geromo
CHARACTER: Spider-Man
SERIES: The Amazing Spider-Man
PHOTOGRAPHER: Christopher Lee
DEBUT: The Amazing Spider-Man
Block Screening (April 30, 2014)

COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR

2014

BEST MALE
NOMINEES



KUROHA

COSPLAYER: Renz Pemez

CHARACTER: Kuroha

SERIES: Mekakucity Actors

PHOTOGRAPHER: Danna Bartolome

DEBUT: Best of Anime 2014

(September 20-21, 2014)

COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR

2014

BEST MALE
NOMINEES



LUBU

COSPLAYER: Paolo Manalac

CHARACTER: Lubu

SERIES: Dynasty Warriors 6

PHOTOGRAPHER: Paolo Manalac

DEBUT: Cosplay Tournament of Champions:

Cebu Leg 2014 (July 20, 2014)

COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014
BEST MALE
NOMINEES

KONOKA

COSPLAYER: Charles Arrabe
CHARACTER: Konoha
SERIES: Mekakucity Actors
PHOTOGRAPHER: Danna Bartolome
DEBUT: Ozine Fest Anime Figure Special 2014
(December 28, 2014)

COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014
BEST MALE
NOMINEES

KAMEN RIDER JOKER

COSPLAYER: Gilbert Sagon
CHARACTER: Kamen Rider Joker
SERIES: Kamen Rider W
PHOTOGRAPHER: Kevin Jeffrey Plog
DEBUT: Ozine Fest Anime Figure Special 2014
(December 27, 2014)

**COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014
BEST MALE
NOMINEES**

SKULL

COSPLAYER: Michael Lopez
CHARACTER: Skull
SERIES: Katekyo Hitman Reborn
PHOTOGRAPHER: Pef Loyola Decena
DEBUT: Arcobaleno KHR Photoshoot
at Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wildlife,
Quezon City (June 2014)



**COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014
BEST MALE
NOMINEES**

KAITO SHION

COSPLAYER: Michael Lopez
CHARACTER: Kaito Shion
SERIES: Karakuri Burst Song (Vocaloid)
PHOTOGRAPHER: Aileen Omana
DEBUT: Vocaloid Karakuri Burst Cosplay Shoot
at UPLB Laguna (November 2014)



COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014
BEST MALE
NOMINEES



HUNTER - RATHALOS ARMOR -

COSPLAYER: Louie Ando
CHARACTER: Hunter (Rathalos Armor)
SERIES: Monster Hunter
PHOTOGRAPHER: Abs Rivera
DEBUT: Best of Anime Summer Live
Davao (May 4, 2014)

COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014
BEST MALE
NOMINEES



JOHANN GEORGE FAUST VIII

COSPLAYER: Michael Lopez
CHARACTER: Johann George Faust VIII
SERIES: Shaman King
PHOTOGRAPHER: Fritz Taquiqui
DEBUT: Aishiteru Anime Open Photoshoot
at Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wildlife,
Quezon City (November 2014)

COSPLAY COSTUME OF THE YEAR 2014 BEST FEMALE



CYDAEA

COSPLAYER: Izabel Cortez
CHARACTER: Cydaea SERIES: Diablo III
PHOTOGRAPHER: Izabel Cortez
DEBUT: 7th Philippine Cosplay Convention
(March 8, 2014)

SAKURA KINOMOTO

COSPLAYER: Mikaella Sherries Nava
CHARACTER: Sakura Kinomoto
SERIES: Cardcaptor Sakura
PHOTOGRAPHER: Fritz Anthony Taguiqui
DEBUT: Cosplay Mania '14
(October 4, 2014)



**GOSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014
BEST FEMALE
NOMINEES**

CINEMATIC AHRI

COSPLAYER: Maria Kae Trixia S. Salonga
CHARACTER: Cinematic Ahri
SERIES: League of Legends 2014 Cinematic Trailer
PHOTOGRAPHER: Jonathan Nick Cruz
DEBUT: UP AME Track 10 (December 14, 2014)

**GOSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014
BEST FEMALE
NOMINEES**

FEMALE BARBARIAN

COSPLAYER: Shynne Anne Lao
CHARACTER: Female Barbarian
SERIES: Diablo III **PHOTOGRAPHER:** Abs Rivera
DEBUT: Best of Anime Summer Live Davao
(May 4, 2014)

COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014

BEST FEMALE
NOMINEES

NEBULA

COSPLAYER Izabel Cortez
CHARACTER Nebula

SERIES Guardians of the Galaxy

PHOTOGRAPHER Bernard Garbo

DEBUT Hobbiworx and PinoyToyKolektor presents:
Collecticon 2014 (September 28, 2014)



COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014

BEST FEMALE
NOMINEES

AZAMI

COSPLAYER Lury-ghan Trantomford

CHARACTER Azami

SERIES Mekakucity Actors

PHOTOGRAPHER Dianne Garcia

DEBUT Ozine Fest Anime Figure Special 2014
(December 28, 2014)



COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014

BEST FEMALE
NOMINEES

HEADPHONE ACTOR

COSPLAYER: Jaz Zeal
CHARACTER: Headphone Actor
SERIES: Mekakucity Actors
PHOTOGRAPHER: Danna Bartolome
DEBUT: Ozine Fest Anime Figure Special 2014
(December 28, 2014)

COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014

BEST FEMALE
NOMINEES

MOMO KISARAGI

COSPLAYER: Jana Mica
CHARACTER: Momo Kisaragi (Idol Version)
SERIES: Mekakucity Actors
PHOTOGRAPHER: Dale Perias
DEBUT: Christmas Toy Fair 2014 (December 14, 2014)

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A deeply spicy and cool note creates a smart and cultivated image

COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014
BEST FEMALE
NOMINEES

ANTHY HIMEMIYA

COSPLAYER: Kathryn Mary C. Del Rosario
CHARACTER: Anthy Himemiya
SERIES: Revolutionary Girl Utena
PHOTOGRAPHER: Bri Rodelas
DEBUT: Photoshoot in Sun Valley Subdivision,
Paranaque City (June 2014)

COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014
BEST FEMALE
NOMINEES

SUPERGIRL CLASSIC 2000

COSPLAYER: Khyze Tomas
CHARACTER: Supergirl Classic 2000
SERIES: Supergirl
PHOTOGRAPHER: Dale Parias
DEBUT: Otaku Expo Reload 2014
(August 2014)

COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014

BEST
CREATURE/
MECH

COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014
BEST CREATURE/
MECH
NOMINEES

GROOT

COSPLAYER: Lyron Decy C. Aquino
CHARACTER: Groot
SERIES: Guardians of the Galaxy
PHOTOGRAPHER: Drew O. Malbas
DEBUT: TAGCOM 2014
(April 12-13, 2014)



COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014

BEST CREATURE/
MECHA
NOMINEES



DROSSEL VON FLUGEL FLIGHT UNIT OBRUCHEV

COSPLAYER: RS Shi
CHARACTER: Drossel von Flugel Flight Unit Obruchev
SERIES: Fireball
PHOTOGRAPHER: Jester Paul Go
DEBUT: Otaku U Rule: Cosplay Planet
(November 22, 2014)

COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014

BEST CREATURE/
MECHA
NOMINEES



KING GOJULAS

COSPLAYER: RB Chang
CHARACTER: King Gojulas
SERIES: Zoids
PHOTOGRAPHER:
Christian Ocampo Macabeles
DEBUT: The 4th PUP Otaku Xperience:
OXP Cybergaming Showdown
(March 22, 2014)

COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014
BEST
CROSSDRESS

COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014
BEST
CROSSDRESS
NOMINEES

SHUUYA
KANO

COSPLAY: Rishi Akuma
STYLING: Shinya Kano
HAIR: Makoto Akuma
MAKEUP: Shinya Kano (Photofest)
(January 10, 2014)



COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014

BEST
CROSSDRESS
NOMINEES



HEADPHONE ACTOR

COSPLAYER: John Christian Garay
CHARACTER: Headphone Actor
SERIES: Melokucity Actors
PHOTOGRAPHER: Dianne Garcia
OUTFIT: Anime First Anime Figure Special
(December 20, 2014)

COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014

BEST
CROSSDRESS
NOMINEES



KONOKHA

COSPLAYER: Jencyan 1990
CHARACTER: Konoha
SERIES: Melokucity Actors
PHOTOGRAPHER: Dianne Garcia
OUTFIT: Anime First Anime
Figure Special (December 20, 2014)



MALEFICENT

COSPLAYER: Jencyan L. Oil Rosario
CHARACTER: Maleficent
SERIES: Snow White / Maleficent
PHOTOGRAPHER: Dianne Garcia
OUTFIT: Cosplay Month 2014
(October 1-5, 2014)

COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014
BEST
CROSSDRESS
NOMINEES

SORA

COSPLAYER: Mary Roselyn Gutierrez
CHARACTER: Sora
SERIES: Kingdom Hearts 2
PHOTOGRAPHER: Eric Domingo Capinpin
HOW IT DAYDREAMS: A Fernbrook Gardens
Photoshoot Project (June 29, 2014)

COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014

BEST

COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014
BEST CHILD
NOMINEES



BIG RED PREDATOR

COSPLAYER: Uyenhoa Schiffer Orzon
CHARACTER: Big Red Predator
PHOTOGRAPHER: Xuan Mark
VENUE: Tokyo Con 2014
(October 18-19, 2014)

COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014
BEST CHILD
NOMINEES



LUCIFER

COSPLAYER: Uyenhoa Schiffer Orzon
CHARACTER: Lucifer
PHOTOGRAPHER: Xuan Mark
VENUE: Tokyo Con 2014
(October 18-19, 2014)

COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014
BEST CHILD
NOMINEES



Nat

RAIDEN

CONTESTANT: Edina Lualaba
CHARACTER: Raiden
EVENT: Metal Gear Rising Revengeance
PHOTOGRAPHER: Joao Lualaba
DEBUT: 9th Christmas Toys and
Collections Feb 2014
(December 12-14, 2014)

COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014
BEST CHILD
NOMINEES



BUMBLEBEE

CONTESTANT: Edina Lualaba
CHARACTER: Bumblebee
EVENT: Transformers
PHOTOGRAPHER: Joao Lualaba
DEBUT: Toys 'R Us Trade & Treat Halloween
Costume Party (October 28, 2014)

COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014
BEST GIRL
NOMINEES

ALISA BOSCONOVITCH

COSPLAYER: Chantelrose A. Vitoria
CHARACTER: Alisa Bosconovitch
SERIES: Tekken
PHOTOGRAPHER: Abe Rivers
DEBUT: Best of Anime Summit
Erve Dwyer (May 4, 2014)



COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014
BEST GUY
NOMINEES

MAKOTO SHISHIO

COSPLAYER: Chantelrose A. Vitoria
CHARACTER: Makoto Shishio
SERIES: Rurouni Kenshin
PHOTOGRAPHER: Abe Rivers
DEBUT: Rurouni Kenshin
General Anime City (July 13, 2014)



COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014
BEST CHILD
NOMINEES

HIRO HAMADA

Allysona Schreyer Olson
Iain Hamada

They Were 6

Hamada Hamada

Ozawa Fest 2014
(April 25-27, 2014)

COSPLAY COSTUME
OF THE YEAR
2014
BEST CHILD
NOMINEES

MIKU HATSUNE

Allysona Schreyer Olson

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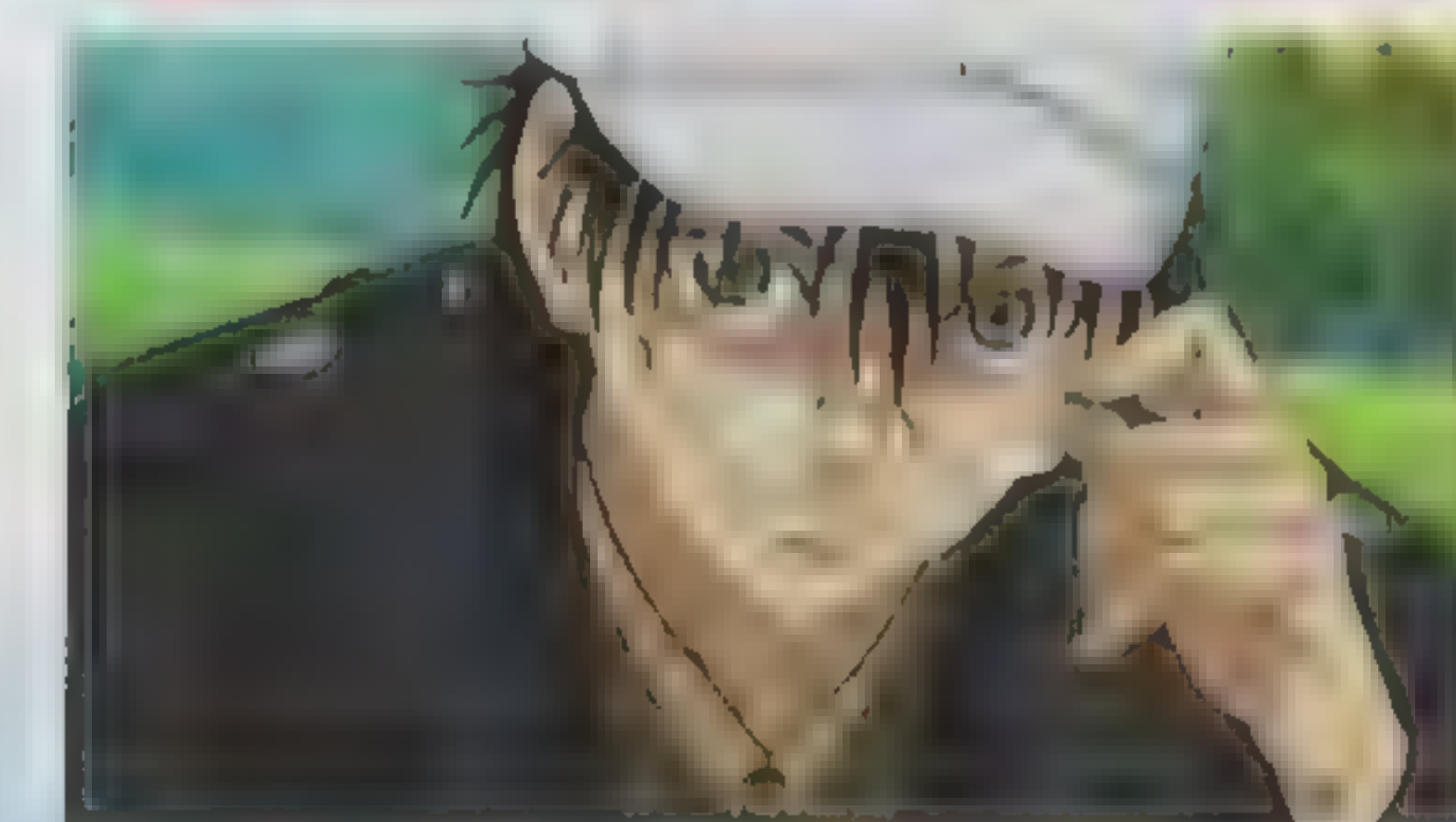
ALL HAIL OUR AWESOME PRINCE! NEW PRINCE OF TENNIS

by: Kahlua

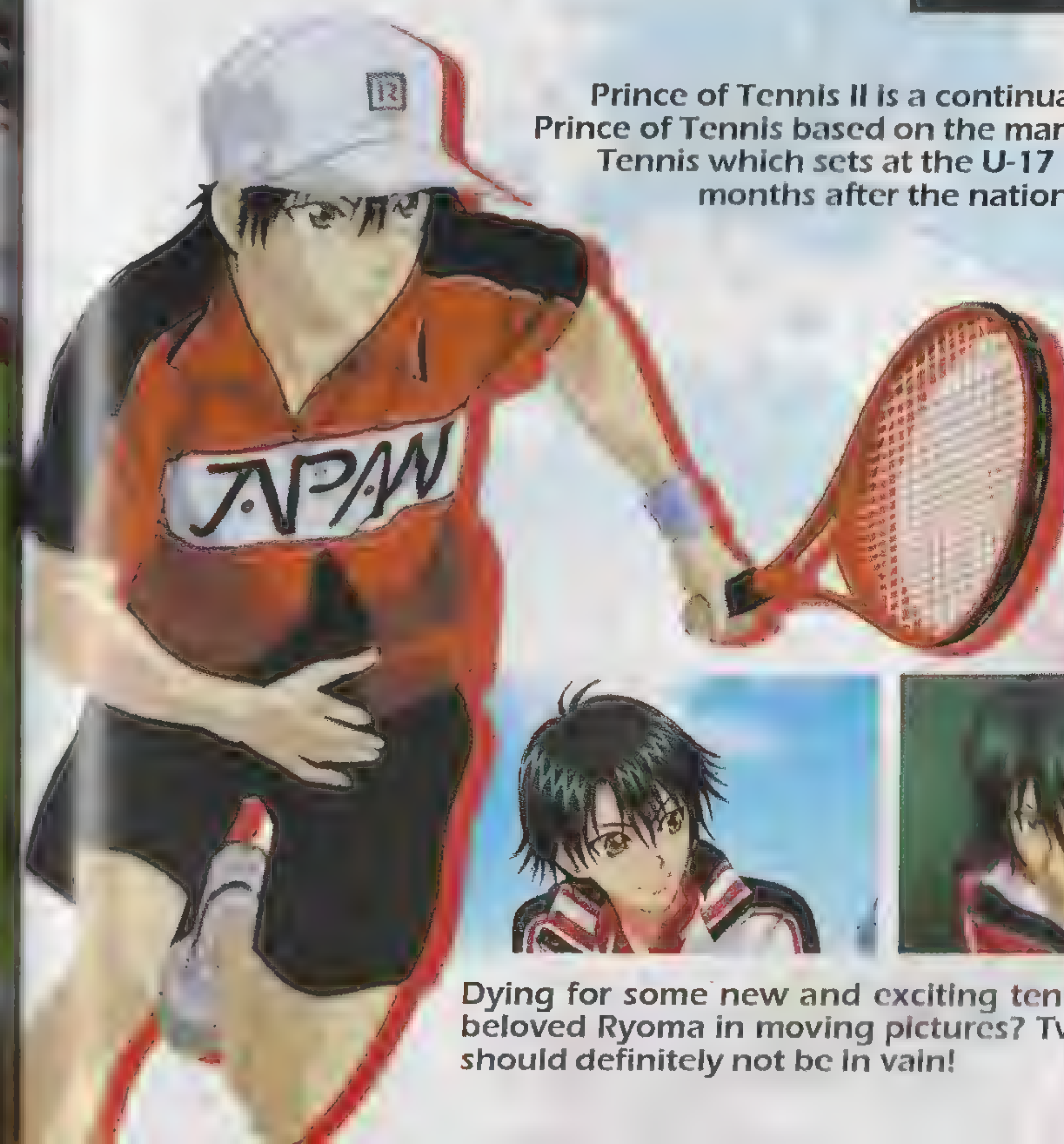
Have you missed watching the one and only arrogant but oh-so-cool prince of tennis? Worry not, 'cause our prince is back on the move!

After airing the 13-episode anime adaptation of the manga sequel "New Prince of Tennis" at TV Aichi, TV Tokyo and TV Osaka in 2012, M. S. C. and Production I. G currently releases a series of OVA (original video animation) volumes still based on this manga since October 2014, and finally up to the recent third volume last February 20, 2014.

This volume includes two episodes namely Episode 5 Saikou no Pair (The Strongest Pair) and Episode 6 Uragiri yo Koushou (Betrayal and Bargaining), at least three new Houkago no Ouji-sama (The Prince of After School) anime shorts, two versions of the clean anime ending anime sequences, and even some bonus extra pages of our handsome tennis court rulers.



Prince of Tennis II is a continuation of the 2012 New Prince of Tennis based on the manga sequel of Prince of Tennis which sets at the U-17 camp in Japan several months after the national tennis tournament.



Echizen Ryoma, together with other 50 middle schoolers, begins their new journey in this renowned camp which can also be considered a cage of monsters.



Dying for some new and exciting tennis adventures of our beloved Ryoma in moving pictures? Two months of waiting should definitely not be in vain!



GAMER'S ARENA

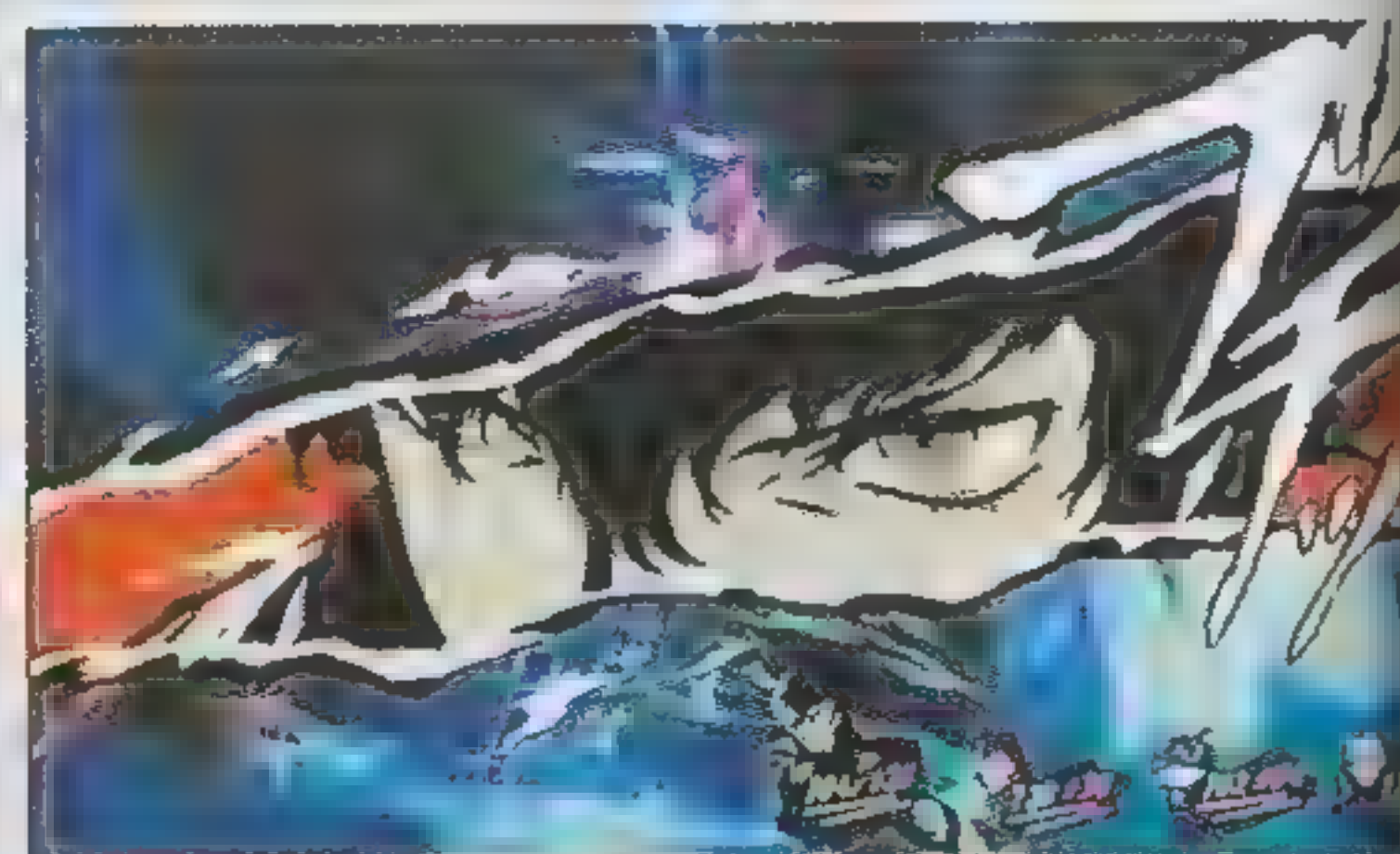
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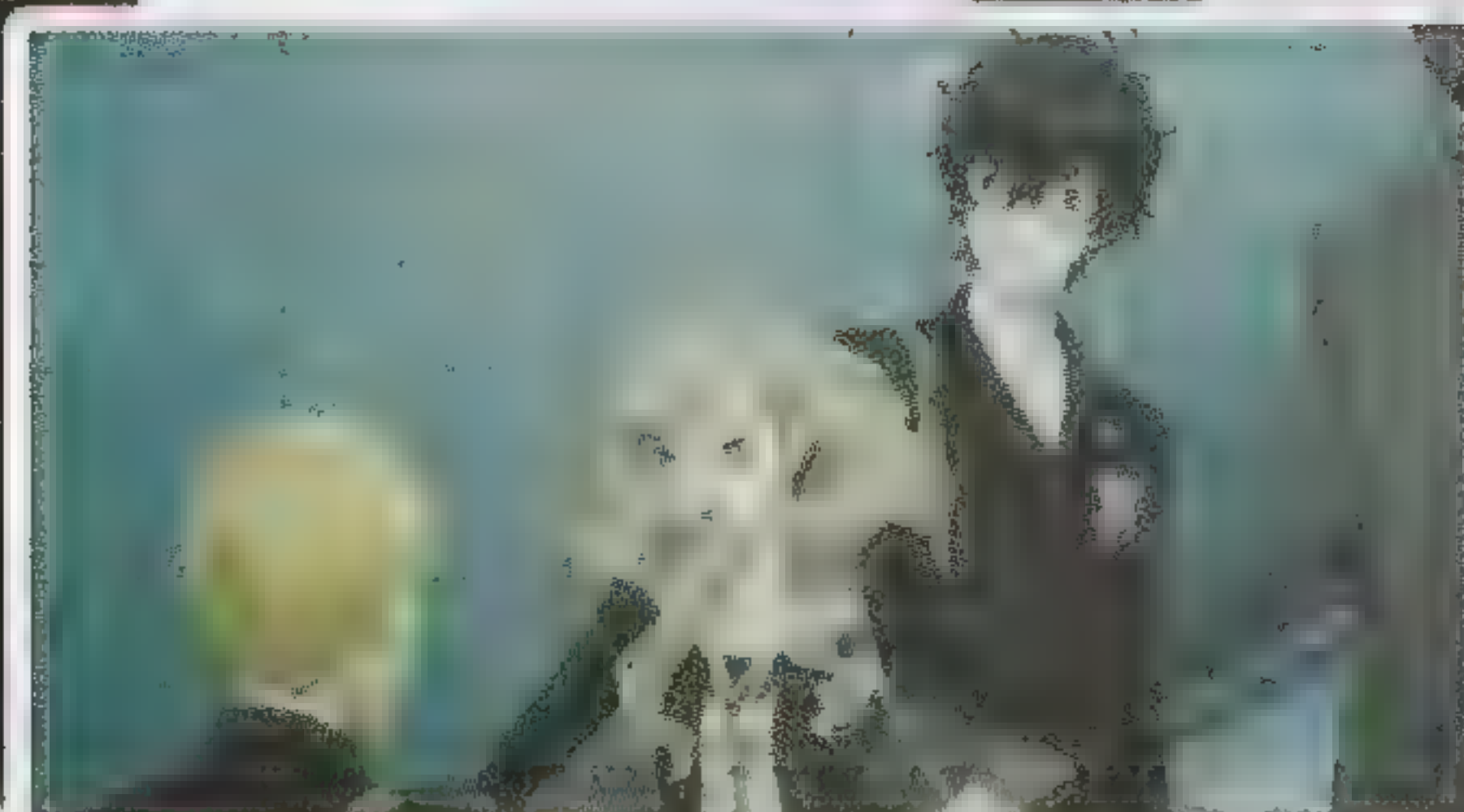
by Mikelle

Persona 5 is an upcoming role-playing game by Atlus (P-Studio) for the PlayStation 3 and PlayStation 4 platforms and is the latest installment in the Persona franchise. The game will be produced by Hashino Katsura who was also responsible for the previous Persona titles.

The development team welcomes back Shigenori Soejima as the character designer and Shoji Meguro as the music composer, whereas both of them also worked together on Persona 3, Persona 4 and as well as Catherine. Though the graphics and style looks similar to Catherine, Persona 5 does not actually use the same Gamebryo engine and instead uses a relatively new one. Prior arrangements for the game's platform were initially set for the PS3 but the team considered a portable release instead for mobile phones and PS Vita. In the end, Hashino and his team decided to focus on the home console.

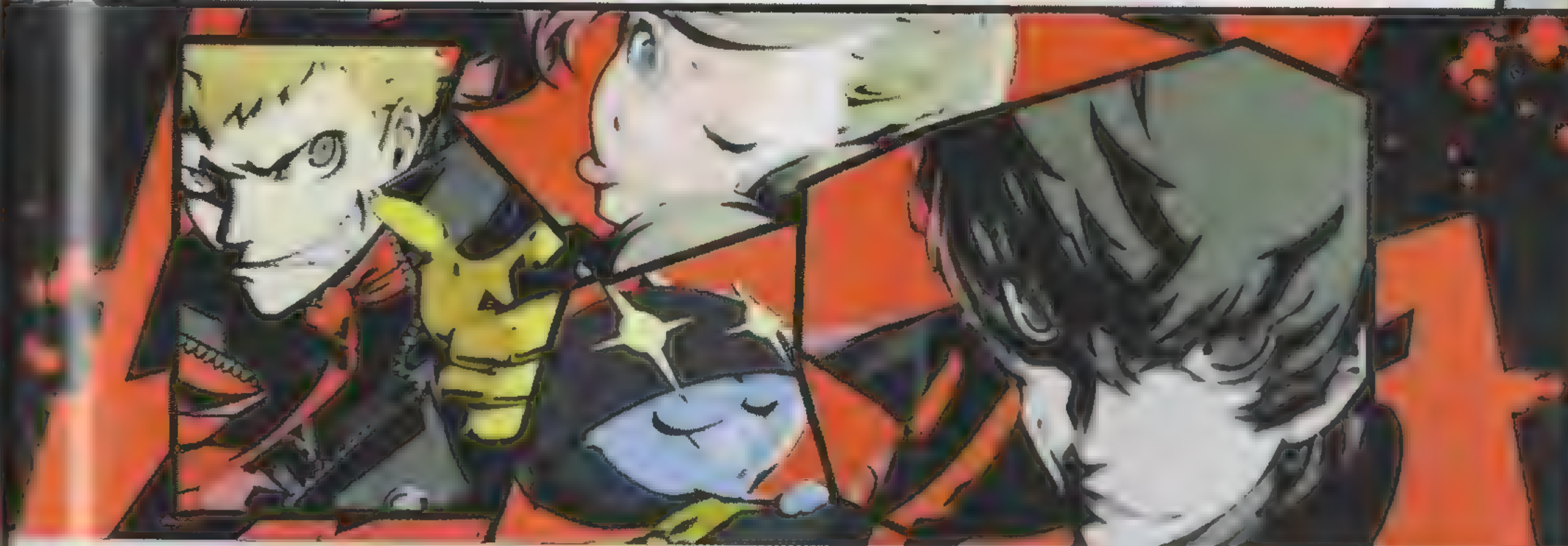


It seems that social links are now a thing of the past as Persona 5 now features the Cooperation system, though the concept is mostly the same where the player gathers helpers and builds relationships around town to gain benefits in battle. Unlike Persona 3 and 4, the game will now allow the player to battle against both Shadows and Demons much like the first two Persona titles. The characters are also equipped with both melee and ranged weapons much like the first Persona game. Some dungeons are said to not be randomly generated anymore such as the locations that would be infiltrated as a phantom thief.



Persona games are always focused on a certain aspect that is mostly centered to modern society and Persona 5's theme this time will be about 'breaking free'. The game will feature the characters as they struggle against the rules and restrictions of society as Atlus also portrayed a chair tied to a ball and chain. Persona 5 is also set the characters in high school but with a totally different environment from Persona 3 and 4.

Atlus aim's to make the player feel at home with this latest installment and promises to provide the audience with an emotional experience. Hence if you are bored and discontented with your daily lives, then let us follow Persona 5 and break free from the chains of society.



Main Protagonist

-the protagonist of the game is a second-year high school student who transferred to Shujin High School and is referred to as a juvenile delinquent. He sidelines as The Phantom, a cat burglar who plans heist along with his new companions. His equipments consist of Knives and Pistols.

Ryuji Sakamoto

-Ryuji is one the Protagonist's classmates and companion during his heist. His weapons of choice are bludgeons and Shotguns.

Morgan

-a shape shifting cat-like creature that decided to accompany the Protagonist. Morgan is full of mysteries and is also said to have a connection to the Seven Deadly Sins. Her weapons are swords and slingshots.

Anne Takamaki

-Anne is also a classmate of the Protagonist and chose to join him in his night escapades. Anne's weapons are whips and submachine guns.





Six Demon Lords VS ONE TRILLION HP

By Reikisha

Destroyer Trillion

As a gamer, you might have fought against several last bosses that gave your party a hard time to beat. One of their key feature is their extremely high HP, which is usually estimated to millions. If you are already having difficulties fighting against that, what more if the last boss has one trillion HP?



Zeabolos lost both his life and his position as the **Demon King** to **Trillion**, who is said to have a grudge of one trillion. Wanting to have a rematch, the former demon king makes a deal with the grimoire-wielding girl named **Faust** in exchange for his soul. But knowing that he can't defeat Trillion alone, Zeabolos decides to fight alongside six young female Demon Lords that also happens to be his relatives.

After the success of **Moero Chronicle**, **Planet Destroyer Black Heart**, and **Hyper-dimension Neptunia Re;Birth** series, **Compa** is here once again to present a new game series coming to Playstation this 2015!

Destroyer Trillion (Makai Shin Trillion) is the first game of the Makai Ichiban Kan video game series by **Compile Heart**. The project is directed by **Masahiro Yamamoto**, with **Kei Nanameda** and **Tenpei Sato** for the character designs and music respectively. The game will be released on the PlayStation Vita on May 21, 2015.

The second game of the Makai Ichiban Kan series titled "**Death under the Labyrinth**" (**MeiQ no Chika no Shitsu**) is also announced for release on the PlayStation Vita in the near future.



GAMEPLAY

Destroyer Trillion focuses on raising and bonding with the Demon Lords in order to become capable of facing against Trillion. Special events may be triggered while training the Demon Lords, and the storyline will branch into different endings based on the player's decisions. The in-game battle system combines roguelike and simulation RPGs, and the player is required to raise characters on or before the deadline.

Do you have what it takes to bring the one and only boss character with one trillion HP down to his knees?

Creative Death

Deception IV: Another Princess

by Percy

First trap: a toilet that will fly you off once you are seated. Set. Second trap: Iron Maiden torture device. Set. Third trap: man-sized frying spatula that will toss you like an omelet. Set. Fourth: a large bell will fall on you from above. Set. I will then kick that bell to send you to your death. And if you are lucky to be still alive, I will let you know death by my heel.

How would you like to die a painful death set through a course of traps? Or would you prefer to die by the foot of the ravishing daughter of the devil? Whichever you choose, wouldn't it be an exciting death?

Deception IV: Another Princess is the new game from Tecmo Koei. This game is set to be played on PlayStation 4, PlayStation Vita, and PlayStation 3. This is actually the first game from the Deception series that is released for PlayStation 4. Following its predecessor game, *Deception IV: Blood Ties*; *Another Princess* brings out its new 100 Quests, new traps, and of course a change of scenery with the new modern day stages. Also, a new edit option called 'Deception Studio' is now available. In Deception Studio, you are allowed to use more of your creative brain juices but before that, you should get important parts of the Deception Studio from your quests.

In this game, you will be playing the character **Valgyrie**. Valgyrie is the red-headed, second daughter of the devil. Similar to the previous games, you set up the traps in order to deal damage to enemies. In her case, you can also deal damage by kicking into traps or stomping the enemy while their down, with Valgyrie's sharp stiletto heel. Aside from Valgyrie, the game introduces **Ephemera**, the blonde-haired automaton that serves Valgyrie. Throughout the game she serves as the guide in order for Valgyrie reach her goal.

So what is the goal of this game?

As the daughter of the devil, Valgyrie must rule over the world but because of her long sleep, she has lost her original powers. In order to regain it, she must offer human souls and advance to the Darkside Heaven. Along her quests, she will meet other characters from previous Tecmo Koei games. These characters are Laegrinna from *Deception IV: Blood Ties*, Allura from *Trap*, Reina from *Deception III: Dark Delusion*, and Millenia from *Deception II*. Upon completing certain quests, the said characters will also be playable.

The game was released on the 26th of March 2015 in Japan. Another fun thing about this new game is that for the gamers who have pre-ordered it, they received a 'Golden Toilet' trap model along with the game. And for some who happened to order the 'Treasure Box' edition, they received the game with three exclusive trap models.



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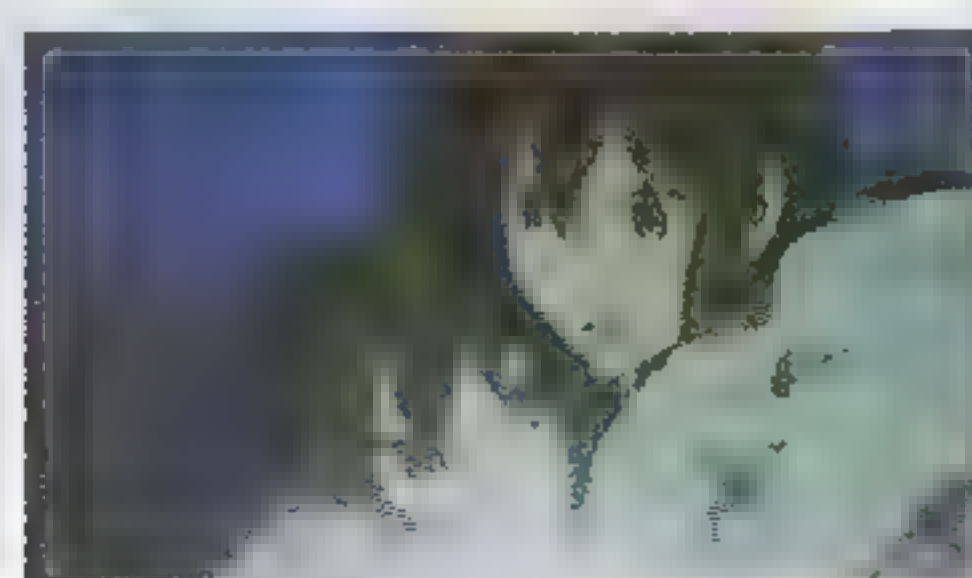
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デュララ!! ×2 承

by lizac 3.0



What's your gang like? For a normal person, this may be interpreted as one's circle of friends or a clique in school or work. In whichever way we put it, real life gangs don't usually carry decency around their names; we've seen how they work. They scare off people who are on a level down from them, taunt and sometimes extort money from the weak. But some people would like to know what it feels like to actually belong to one. "It's cool!" or so they think.



Ready for the Ride?

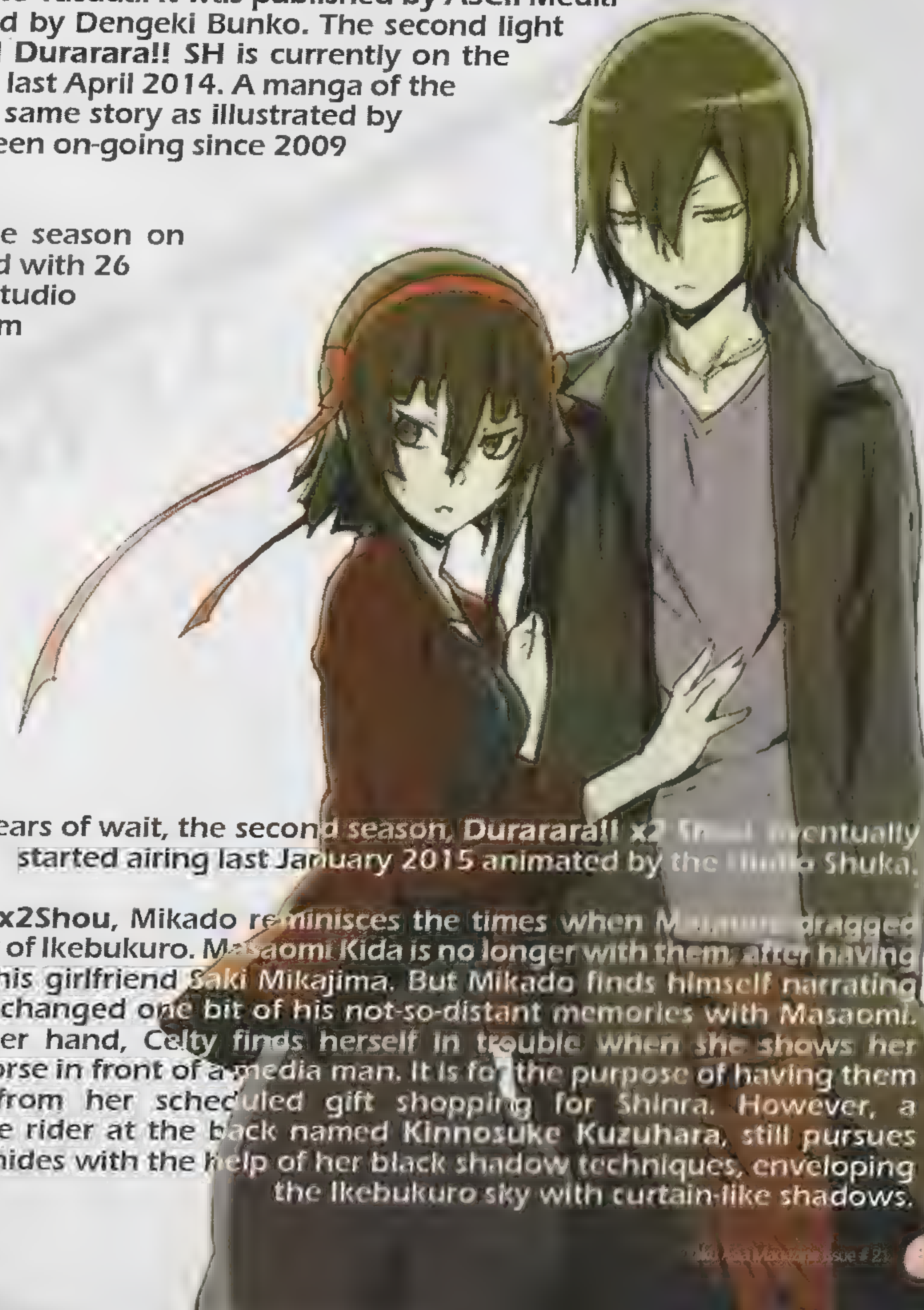
If you're from an unnamed gang with an unnamed leader though, it might be really cool to call yourself a "gangster". Anonymity allows you to do anything without being associated to a certain gang. You are your own gang leader. The gang Dollars in the Durarara!! universe induces this kind of thinking amongst its members. It is a gang formed online by some middle school students, but since its establishment, no one has known who their leader is, or who the other Dollars members are. Except for a Dollars mailing list and its main website for chatting, Dollars members don't find it necessary to communicate to each other in real life. Dollars members do anything they want and all other non-Dollars could only make assumptions as to which gang those people belong.

Ryuugamine Mikado lives a rather boring life in the countryside. Thanks to a certain invitation from Masaomi Kida, his best friend from childhood, he studies together with him at Raira Academy in Ikebukuro. It's the city life that a country boy is longing for, so he grabs the opportunity to look for adventures and kill the boredom taking root in his veins. Mikado meets Anri Sonohara, a smart and beautiful girl belonging to the same class as his. She volunteers as a class representative and immediately, they get along well.

He then meets more interesting people in the city of Ikebukuro: Celty Sturluson, the infamous Headless Rider, Izaya Orihara, the naughty information broker who claims that he loves humans more than anything else, Shizuo Heiwajima, the man with superhuman strength, Simon Brezhnev, the black Russian owner of a sushi shop, Shinra Kishitani, underground doctor who loves filming his shenanigans, and many other characters that make his stay in Ikebukuro full of escapades and at times, mishaps.

Durarara!! is originally a light novel series that started in 2004 and just recently ended in 2014, written by Ryohgo Narita and illustrated by Suzuhito Yasuda. It was published by ASCII Media Works and imprinted by Dengeki Bunko. The second light novel series entitled Durarara!! SH is currently on the works which started last April 2014. A manga of the same name and the same story as illustrated by Akiyo Satorigi has been on-going since 2009 with nine volumes.

The first anime season on the other hand, aired with 26 episodes under the studio Brain's Base from January 2010 to June 2010.



After five long years of wait, the second season, Durarara!! x2 Shou, eventually started airing last January 2015 animated by the Studio Shuka.

In Durarara!! x2Shou, Mikado reminisces the times when Masaomi dragged him to the city of Ikebukuro. Masaomi Kida is no longer with them, after having eloped with his girlfriend Saki Mikajima. But Mikado finds himself narrating what hasn't changed one bit of his not-so-distant memories with Masaomi. On the other hand, Celty finds herself in trouble when she shows her headless horse in front of a media man. It is for the purpose of having them back off from her scheduled gift shopping for Shinra. However, a motorcycle rider at the back named Kinoshita Kuzuhara, still pursues her. She hides with the help of her black shadow techniques, enveloping the Ikebukuro sky with curtain-like shadows.

Kida Masaomi – Ferocious Fighter

Online Handle: Bakayura
Kida has a cheerful and zealous personality. But behind this façade is a ruthless gang leader of the Yellow Scarves. He is the founder of the said gang and has led them in countless gatherings before. At the end of the first series, Kida and girlfriend Saki leaves Ikebukuro, to work as field agents.



Mikado Ryuugamine – Anonymous Leader

Dollars Handle: Tarou Tanaka

Mikado is known to be a well-mannered and polite student. In dire times, however, Mikado surprisingly speaks up his mind with no restrictions. Although he seems clumsy and clueless, Mikado is actually the leader of the infamous gang Dollars. Mikado, at first, lets the members do what they want, but when things spiraled out of hand, he urges them to do good deeds through the mailing list.

Sonohara Anri– Sword Yielder

Dollars Handle: Saika

Anri is Mikado's classmate and his love interest. She is used to depending on her friends and just usually goes with the flow. But Anri in fact, is the real owner of Saika, the sword that lies within her power. She keeps a relationship with Saika and is worried that Saika might slash Mikado.

Kururi Orihara – Silent Athlete

Dollars Handle: Kyo

One of Izaya's younger sister and the older twin of Mairu. As a game, the twins decided to compensate for each other's shortcomings by adapting opposing personalities and as a result, she is more softspoken and shy. She is however more aggressive and athletic.



Aoba Kuronuma – Dollar Newbie

Dollars Handle: Young Leaf Mark

Aoba introduces himself to Mikado as a first year student. He is a polite but quite an assertive character. He asks "Mikado-senpai" to show him around Ikebukuro since he is pretty new to the city. Aoba claims that he knows Mikado is the leader of Dollars, but they keep it a secret. Aoba has a secret himself nonetheless, and would later on be revealed in this season. Aoba also unintentionally helps Mairu and Kururi from bullies, so he earns a double kiss from the twins.

Mairu Orihara – Outgoing Bisexual

Dollars Handle: Mai

One of Izaya's younger sister and the older twin of Kururi. The twin sisters enroll at Raira Academy as high school students. Mairu is the more outgoing and talkative of the two but uses her head more than her physical strength even though she is also trained in martial arts.

Celty Sturluson – Dullahan Beauty

Dollars Handle: Setton

Celty is a Dullahan who hails from Ireland in pursuit of her missing head. She arrives in Japan for having sensed that her head is taken. She meets Shinra when the boy was still four years old and has been under Shinra's and his father's care ever since. She now works as a transporter. She rides a headless horse disguised as a motorcycle called Coiste-Bodhar.

Expect Celty's personality in Drrr!! X2Shou to significantly change, from being a cold distant character to a compassionate level-headed woman. She is also talkative and more open to show emotions towards Shinra. It is a result of her constant involvement with friends she met last season and their activities.



Shinra Nishitani – Hopeless Romantic Doctor

Dollars Handle: Indoor Scholar

Shinra is an underground doctor who is friends with Shizuo and Izaya. He considers himself a shock absorber because of having to witness their fights often since their younger days. Shizuo's superhuman strength has always interested the young doctor. Now that Shinra also takes care of Celty in his house, he is fully aware of Celty's bodily functions. He can also tell what kind of emotions Celty is feeling at the moment, despite the woman being headless. It is shown that Shinra is very much in love with Celty and Celty has been reciprocating it as of late. The progress of Shinra's relationship with Celty will be highlighted in this season.

Izaya Orihara–Intelligence Agent

Dollars Handle: Kanra

Izaya works as an underground information broker and gives information to literally anyone who needs it. He professes his love for humans quite repeatedly. Humans always surprise him with their actions. Thus, one of his hobbies is to test and provoke the people he is acquainted with, and see if their actions are favorable to him. Izaya has not changed one bit and is seen spending a lot of time in front of his computer in this season.

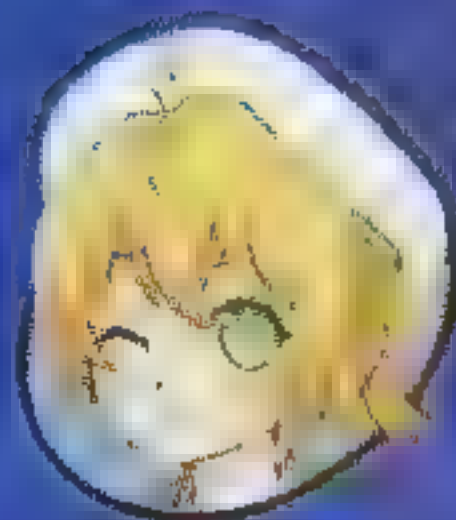
But don't let that fool you



The gang Dollars is back and ready to face the world before them. The good news is, not only the second season is slated for 2015, but also two installments, Durarara!!x2Ten and Durarara!!x2Ketsu have already been scheduled for July 2015 and January 2016 respectively.

Durarara!! x2Shou continues the tales of Dollars members together with new colorful characters that would once again shake the sophisticated city of Ikebukuro. In this new installment, the animation has greatly changed as the first season and second season were produced by two different studios. Durarara!! x2Shou has become more vivid and breathtaking, especially in fast-paced action scenes. However, the manner of storytelling still does not focus only on one character, but on each of them equally. Moreover, the audience will see some emphasis on Celty Sturluson's life. She is more often pursued by authorities and common citizens alike in this season, and seeing that she has originally been declared as the heroine of the series.

Explore the world of gangs and each of their interesting members, as they unveil and put the stories together piece by piece, a narration that is only unique to Durarara!!.



CHARACTER BIO

By John Robert Lim

Torn Between Two Worlds

Name: Slaine Troyard

Age: 16

Birth Date: January 11

Birth Place: Earth

Allegiance: Vers Empire

Likes: Princess Asseylum

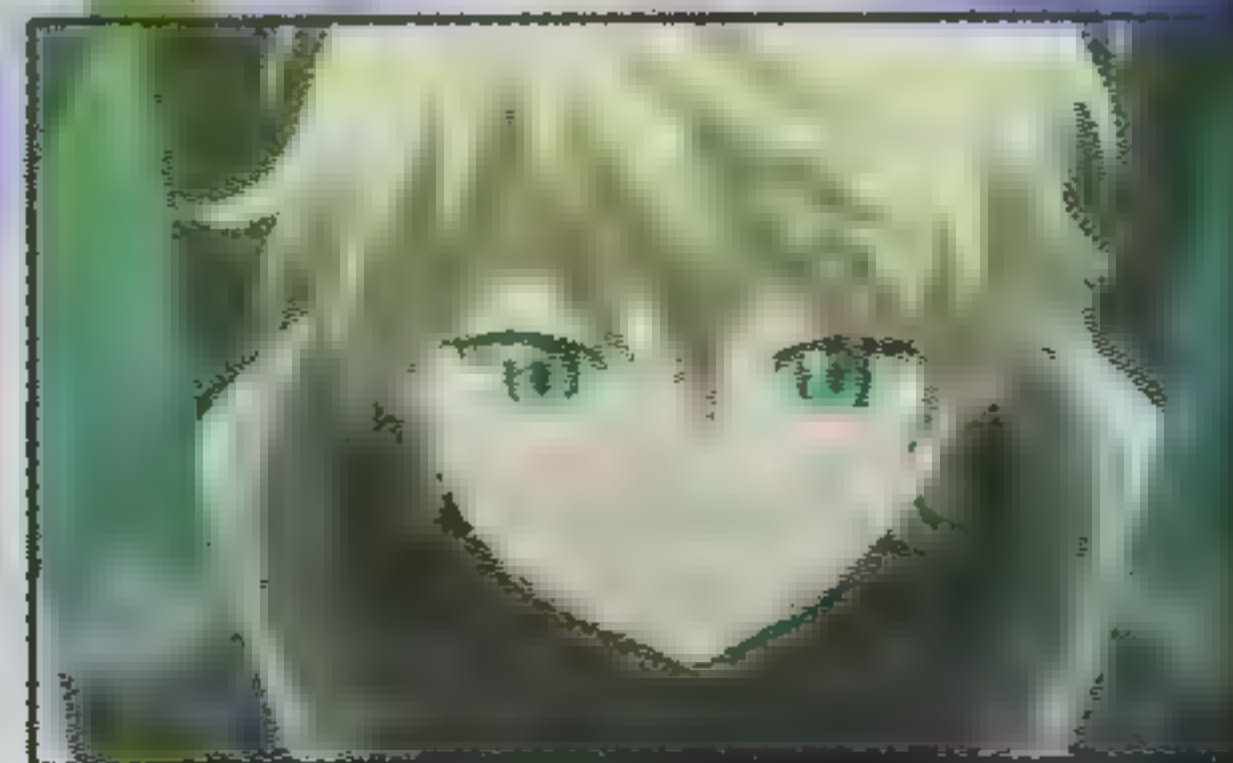
Hobbies: Research, calculations

Mecha: Tharsis

In the event of a war, where would you pledge your allegiance to: your birthplace or the government you swore allegiance to? Such was the dilemma being faced by our star in this edition of character spotlight and major character in sci-fi series Aldnoah.Zero.

Slaine is an Earth-born "terran" who lives as a member of the Empire, where he faced discrimination because of his heritage. Slaine finds himself a unique situation as one who has gone through both human worlds. He is knowledgeable about Earth, and as such, tells Princess Asseylum stories about his home planet. He is firmly loyal to this princess who saved him years ago. He also holds her in high regard as one of the few people in the Vers Empire who does not look down upon him.

A skilled and more than capable pilot, he plans ahead and analyzes his next possible moves. After the princess' disastrous visit to Earth, the Vers Empire declares war on Earth. With only his emotions, intuition, and the Sky Carrier at his disposal, he sets off to Earth, grasping on to the hope of finding and saving his dear friend on Earth. What awaits him on Earth is more than a simple rescue mission, but fateful encounters and involvement in the war in more ways than one could have imagined.



His loyalty, and determination have turned him into one of the more popular and endearing characters in his series. Now, as he begins to embody the character of a corrupted hero, he inches closer and closer to the status of becoming the true villain. It is especially interesting to see the possible consequences of his decisions and where his ambitions would take him.

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Hanging by the Thread of Fate

by James

Cloth Road

The path that leads to your dreams is paved with a thousand needles. To **Fergus**, that statement seemed very true. But little does he know that his hardships have a purpose, for his destiny is weaving his fate in such a way that will bring him to prestige and success. For that to happen all that he needs to do is never give up and everything will fall into place. Follow his tale of hope and perseverance in *Cloth Road*.

Written by **Kurata Hideyuki**, who's popular for the *Read or Die (R.O.D.)* series, and drawn by artist **Okama**, this collaboration that appears in the monthly **Ultra Jump** magazine is all about a near future where there have been massive technological advancements in clothing and textiles. Because of these progresses, there have been many great leaps and bounds in the fashion industry and other related fields.

However, despite the seemingly massive progress in the human condition, the divide between the rich and the poor worsened. This is because the **Top Seven Brands** dictate the rules of the world, and one of those is the regular holding of the **War-King** games, a dangerous form of entertainment and competition wherein **Models** compete against each other using highly advanced clothes that have been designed by **Designers**.

Among them is **Fergus**, a sad, young **Designer** who wishes to make it big and change the world. Unfortunately, his **Model** is a drunkard and the girl he likes is a street urchin who dabbles in shady deals. So when his **Model** is attacked and is rendered unable to fight, he almost gives up all hope on his dream, until his long-lost twin sister **Jennifer**, a spunky and determined girl, shows up and volunteers to be his **Model**. With faith in himself and his newfound sibling, and his sister's perseverance and skill, **Fergus** and **Jennifer** embark on a quest to change their cloth-driven realm for the better.



by James

An Unlikely Magical Union

Mahou Tsukai no Yome

Perhaps there is almost no fate worse than losing your family. But sometimes, the most unfortunate of events can lead to the most important thing a person can achieve in his or her life: discovering her destiny. Such is the case of **Chise**. Follow her transcendence over tragedy in *Mahou Tsukai no Yome*.

Translated as *The Ancient Magus' Bride* in English, which is written and drawn by **Kore Yamakazi**, the manga centers on **Chise Hatori**, a sixteen year old girl who lost her family in her tender age and was later on sold as a slave in an auction. It's no ordinary auction, as the bidders aren't exactly human. Wolf-men, elves, fairies, sorcerers, and the like buy boys and girls as slaves at great costs, and **Chise**, a **Slay Vega** – humans who can easily learn almost anything easily, commands a high price. The highest bidder? **Ellias Ainsworth**, a powerful sorcerer with the head of a demon and a bloodline closer to that of monsters than men. However, despite such fearsome attributes, **Ellias** is a kind and well-mannered being, and proof of this is that he doesn't intend to keep **Chise** as a slave. Instead, he wishes to train her as not just a magus but also his wife. To **Chise**, who has lost her will to live and thinks of life as a wasteful existence, this can be a chance for a better life in a brave new world full of magic and eldritch creatures.

With art that evokes a gothic fairy tale feel, an uncannily heartwarming pair, and an ensemble of monsters, men, and magicians, *Mahou Tsukai no Yome* is sure to convert even the hardest skeptics of the mystery and supernatural genres a firm believer.



Sekai Maou

by Ann

Alsha is your typical hero as he comes out like the ones who does not meet heroic standards but is chosen by destiny. Sounds familiar, right? So, if Alsha does turn out to be the hero that fate has prepared 300 years after the previous hero defeated the demon lord, he will still fit the stereotypical hero tales. But what if it's the demon lord's fairy that trains him and leads him to find out his true powers?

Sekai Maou is an ongoing manga that has released four volumes in Japan since 2010. Written and drawn by Futami Sui, it is serialized in Manga Time Kirara Carat (Houbunsha).

Aside from the cute illustrations, the story gives an in-depth understanding of how much the line between evil and good is blurred as the demon lord wakes up as a cute girl with no memory of what she was in her past life. With the help of a robot, she discovers her power but appears to not really want to wreak havoc on Earth. Still, she is told that destiny dictates that every demon lord be defeated by a hero, so she creates Mao, a fairy that will watch over the hero, Alsha.

Because Alsha does not appear to be the strong hero that people expect him to be, what is the next step for the demon lord? How can they end the battle between good and evil? Keep in tune with the game of destiny of the cute demon lord and the weak hero in Sekai Maou!

Truth or Lies

by John Robert Lim

Uso Tsurezure

Sometimes, we seemingly live in a world full of actors. People hide their true thoughts under a facade in fear of bullying and other forms of mistreatment. Some act under a different public personality altogether in order to please the crowd. There might come a time where you would reflect and think, "Am I still who I really am?"

Uso Tsurezure is the story of Hasumi Nao, known as the "school prince". As a child, he was known for being very honest and straightforward. However, that resulted in bullying from his peers. His childhood life was terrible, with the exception of befriending a pair of neighboring twins named Miyuki and Shizuku Saitou. Due to his bad experiences, he moved on to adapting a false personality in order to be admired by his new peers and teachers. This continued on until fate reunites him with the twins, putting his life into a whole new direction.

This manga is the work of a rather new shoujo manga artist named Saya Fuyume. It was her rookie project and her first serialization on Zero-Sum Online. The story is quite short, spanning only 9 chapters of around 20 pages each.

Uso Tsurezure brings to light a common dilemma facing people in this time and age. Interestingly enough, it was done in the form of a shoujo manga. Despite its serious premise, the story mixes in some comedy, causing it to remain a light and easy 9-chapter read. It also contains some good traits of shoujo manga. These include refined art and some instances of teased boys love for fangirls to love and appreciate.

The twin swore to bring back the old Hasumi who became their childhood friend. Will they succeed or not? Read the manga to find out!



His Dream, My Dream

by Yani

Baymax

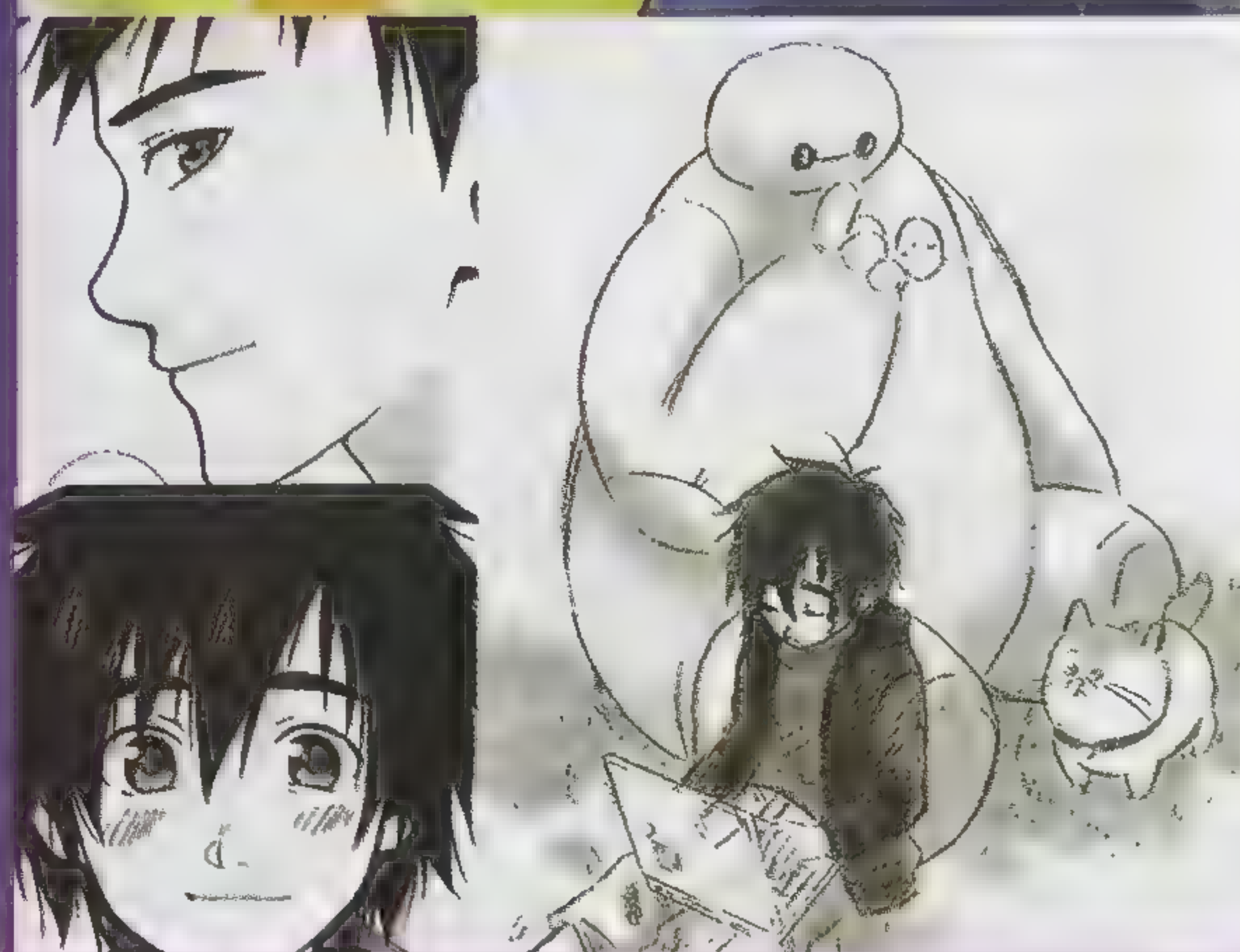
Since he was a little kid, Hiro Yamada looks up to his brother, Tadashi. Tadashi invents interesting things that makes Hiro happy and amazed. Hiro also has the talent to become an inventor. He has been able to answer questions that a normal child could not. Hiro was constantly offered scholarships in many great schools.

But because he was a child genius, many students got envious and jealous of him which resulted in bullying. This made Hiro quiet and locked up. Tadashi was worried about him so he thought of a way to make Hiro smile again. He decided that together, they can invent something unique and has not been thought of. They made a good pair.

In secret, Tadashi has been creating a machine that will help and save humankind in times of need and will be a new friend of Hiro. Its name is Baymax.

Illustrator: Haruki Ueno
Serialization: Kondansha Magazine Special
Genre: Comedy, Sci-Fi, Shounen
Status: ongoing

The movie was great but we didn't get to see the sibling moments between Hiro and Tadashi. In this manga, we see their brotherhood and teamwork and how good a big brother Tadashi is. They also explained how great an inventor Tadashi is. Not because his works are show-off but because his inventions focuses on caring and making people happy. If you've enjoyed the movie, you will surely enjoy reading the manga.



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The story's setting is in Japan and revolves around Fenrir's First Unit with members **Lindow Amamiya**, **Sakuya Tachibana**, **Soma Schicksal**, **Kota Fujiki** and **Alisa Amiella** and their quests in fighting off the Aragami and protect the remnants of mankind from them.

God Eater is an upcoming anime adaptation of the game Gods Eater Burst. The series will be produced by Ufotable and will be released this Summer 2015. Other than this upcoming anime series, the game series also received other numerous adaptations as well; such manga adaptations, light novels and OVA.

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These idols were viewed by others as heroines but others label them as terrorists, but despite of these different views, they need to bring music to fans, wherever they are. The story focuses on the young hopefuls from different planets that are hoping to become idols and join the next generation of the legendary idol group.

AKB0048, stylized as AKB∞48 is a science fiction series based on the Japanese idol group, AKB48. It was produced by Satelight and directed by Shoji Kawamori. The Japanese dub features the real members of AKB48 and its sister groups as the voice actresses of the characters. They are grouped as NO NAME who sang the opening credits of the anime. AKB0048 showed back in April until of July 2012 in Japan with its second season aired between January and March of 2013. The series also has a manga adaptation prior to the anime series' release and it also has a game released for mobile phones called AKB4008 Cardass.

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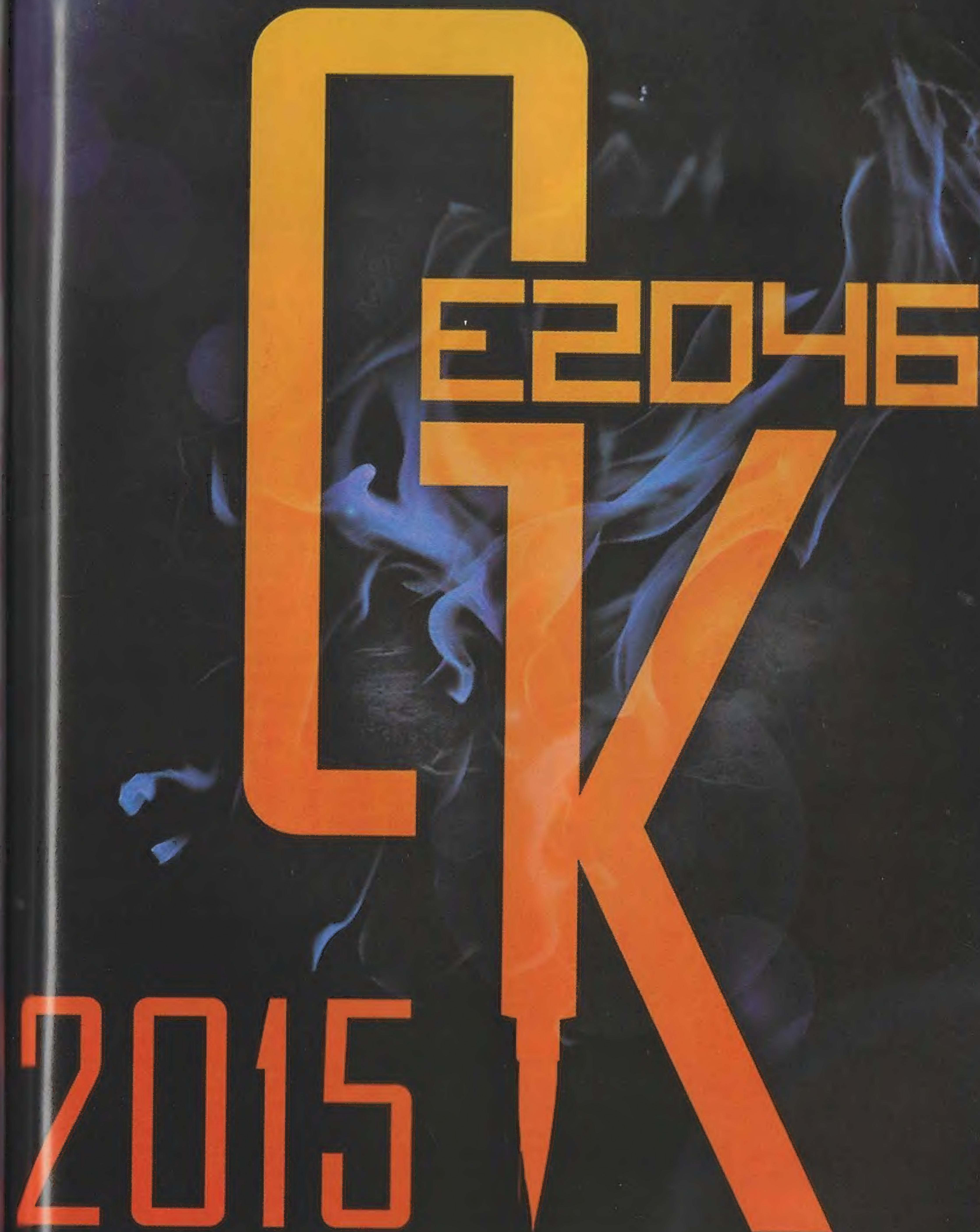
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FULL METAL PANIC

by Ann

First day of school gives anybody the jitters but for Sousuke Sagara, "jitters" does not encompass how he feels as he leaves the battlefield behind for a very unfamiliar setting. He has a big undercover mission to protect Kaname Chidori, one of the most popular girls at school who is believed to be the Whispered, from being kidnapped. But can he actually protect her from a battlefield in which she rules? How can he give her a hand while keeping his identity a secret?

Full Metal Panic! follows the adventures of Sousuke Sagara, together with his comrades, Kurz Weber and Melissa Mao, as he pretends to be a normal high school transfer student in Jindai High School. Because of his long experience with combat, he cannot help but interpret the normal activities in a soldier's viewpoint. In an attempt to maintain his cover, he makes his classmates believe that he is a mecha fan but Kaname can tell that there is something different but at the same time, interesting about him.

Full Metal Panic! is an anime series released in 2002 by Gonzo Digimation and directed by Koichi Chigara. It has 24 episodes. It was originally written as light novels by Shoji Gatoh with illustrations by Shiki Douji. These light novels are published on Monthly Dragon Magazine. Following the success of the first anime, the series was adapted into Full Metal Panic? Fumoffu (2003) and Full Metal Panic! The Second Raid (2005) produced by Kyoto Animation. It also had an OVA in 2006.

While Sousuke appears to be very dense about romance in the series, this further highlights the comedy of his troubles. Aside from the mecha action, the series stitches a plot that viewers can enjoy as it appears to be a lecture in history with the thrill and suspense of secret missions by military organizations such as Mithril.

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